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Thatcher urges world to back blockade as Britons are taken away from their homes at gunpoint

Europe agrees joint action against Iraq

By Andrew McEwen in Paris and Nicholas Wood in London

THE Prime Minister yesterday called for the whole world to back a naval blockade of Iraq as six West European nations agreed to co-ordinate operations to enforce the sanctions imposed by the UN.

Margaret Thatcher said international suport for a blockade was the best way of averting a war in the Gulf, and while the British and American military policy was legal, they would like the "extra authority of the whole world" through a UN resolution that specifically authorised the use of force to ensure compliance with the sanctions.

The UN Security Council deferred a decision on such a resolution in the early hours of yesterday. Yemen promised to turn back Iraqi tankers, but the first Iraqi oil to escape the blockade was later unloaded at Aden.

Britain, France, Spain, Italy, The Netherlands and Belgium yesterday agreed to share the task of stopping Iraq's supply lines. They will meet on Friday to decide how to pool their intelligence, logistical support and precautions against air attack. They will also attempt to harmonise their rules of engagement.

France announced that it would send ground forces to the United Arab Emirates and instructors to Saudi Arabia, while Mrs Thatcher indicated that she, too, was considering sending soldiers to the region. Spain said that it would send four warships to the Gulf, and West Germany announced proposals to change its constitution so that it could deploy forces outside the Nato area when acting in support of the UN resolutions.

Soon after the Western European Union agreed its concerted effort, the 12 European Community countries said they would disobey an Iraqi order to close their embassies in Kuwait by Friday. They issued a joint warning to Baghdad not to attempt to harm the Europeans held in Iraq and Kuwait. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, told a press conference after the decisions in Paris: "Any Iraqi official, soldier, any individual who is ordered to commit illegal acts, should know that he will be held personally responsible."

Ten Britons and an American were taken from their homes at gunpoint yesterday, after a resident in a block of flats was forced to point out where Westerners were living, the State Department in Washington said yesterday. The American was taken to an hotel and seen by embassy officials. The Britons were said to be at a civilian establishment.

Some of the Britons who have been rounded up in Kuwait were being held at military sites, government sources said yesterday. The Foreign Office confirmed that 127 Britons had been detained over the weekend and the department knew where 75 of them were, although they had been denied consular access.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday condemned President Saddam Hussein's tactics of detaining Westerners and said she would not negotiate to free them. In her first public comments on the Gulf crisis for two weeks, she told a news conference in Downing Street: "We are gravely concerned about the callous way in which Iraq is treating the British and other foreign citizens and are very concerned about them and the anguish it is causing their families here. It is deeply repulsive and no civilised country behaves in this way.

"Saddam Hussein is trying to hide behind Western women and children and use them as human shields and use them as part of his negotiations. We do not intend entering into negotiations. These people are entitled to certain fundamental rights, which have been totally flouted to the repugnance of the whole of the civilised world."

Meanwhile, Iraq warned France that its nationals would also be moved to military bases and key installations if Paris joined the blockade, as it had indicated on Sunday.

President Saddam yesterday reiterated his justification for trapping 13,000 Westerners in Iraq and Kuwait, saying: "This is not a way of revenge, but to deter President Bush taking action against the Iraqi people." In an "open letter" read on Baghdad television, President Saddam urged Mr Bush to seek a peaceful solution or face global disaster. "If Bush were to attack, a grave disaster would take place, not only regarding the region, but regarding the whole world," he said.

The Iraqi leader rejected Mr Bush's speech on Monday comparing him with Hitler and said it was the American president who was acting more like the Nazi dictator. A response to the Iraqi initiatives was the only way for Mr Bush to avoid being equated with Hitler, he said.

At the same time, Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, told a news conference in the Jordanian captial of Amman that Baghdad was offering to hold talks with the United States. "We are ready to discuss the situation in the Gulf and other situations," he said. "If they are ready to talk, we are ready to talk."

President Mubarak of Egypt yesterday again called on Iraq to withdraw its forces from Kuwait, saying: "I appeal to President Saddam Hussein to save mankind from a destructive war which would destroy all greenery and lands. God only knows how frightening the end would be if it was started, what the losses and consequences would be if the fire broke out. It would take us backwards to darkness and loss."

The Palestine Liberation Organisation called for a new Arab summit to open talks with President Saddam and urged an end to the military build-up in the Gulf. Afif Safieh, the PLO's chief official, said: "I propose a freeze on troop deployment and that troops already deployed should be placed under UN command."

But Iraq continued to build up its strength in Kuwait as the last soldier left Iran after the eight-year Gulf war. President Saddam was reported to have moved 36 launchers, including all its mobile Scud missile launchers to Kuwait, raising the spectre of chemical warhead attacks on oilfields, cities or American forces in Saudi Arabia. Kuwait has also told the UN that Iraqi occupation forces have mined all the country's vital state installations, including power stations, oil refineries and ports.

In a letter to the UN secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Kuwait UN charge d'affaires said Iraqi forces were destroying the country's infrastructure by "plundering, looting and destroying the moveable and immoveable assets and property of banks, companies and government and private financial institutions." They had also seized 15 airliners.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Hammering home the message: Margaret Thatcher at her press conference yesterday

Rift over Red Cross action on hostages

By Daniel Treisman, and Alan McGregor in Geneva

A SERIOUS rift developed last night between Britain and the International Committee of the Red Cross. Margaret Thatcher attacked the ICRC for not taking adequate action to protect foreign nationals in Iraq and Kuwait, saying that Britain had contacted the committee on August 8 and 10, but nothing had been done so far. Mrs Thatcher said: "We are deeply disappointed that action has not yet been taken."

An ICRC spokesman last night denied that the organisation was not doing enough, and outlined steps it had taken since the crisis began. The head of the committee's Middle East zone had flown to Baghdad on Monday night with a message for the Iraqi foreign minister, she said. The organisation had maintained a continual dialogue with Iraq and other states since the beginning of August, she added.

A reception centre for refugees will soon be set up in Jordan on the border with Iraq, in cooperation with the Red Crescent. "Obviously we're very concerned about the civilian population in both countries, including foreign nationals. We will continue our efforts," the spokesman said. Meanwhile, William Waldegrave, the Foreign Office minister, yesterday met the committee's president, Cornelio Sommaruga, in Geneva, to express Britain's frustration at its citizens being held hostage.

"Mr Sommaruga shares our anger and frustration," he said. The president told him of the ICRC's efforts to gain access to foreign nationals prevented from leaving and he was confident the organisation would "bend its skills and efforts to this end", he added.

"Their success depends on their gaining access. "People should be brought out in convoys marked by ICRC flags."

Controversy touched the organisation in March last year after 200 staff members wrote to Mr Sommaruga, a former Swiss diplomat, calling on the leadership to show "a little more courage" in confronting international violators.

The letter, which spoke of a "crisis of confidence", prompted Mr Sommaruga to promise "structural reforms" this year. A new director general, Guy Deluze, took office in January.

Yemen lets ship break blockade

From Our Correspondent in Nicosia

YEMEN pledged to turn away one Iraqi tanker yesterday but allowed another to unload what was believed to be the first Iraqi oil to escape the naval blockade.

Western hopes were raised when Yemen told the UN Security Council it would turn away one of two tankers that had defied US warships at the weekend and was steaming towards Aden. Last night the *Baba Gurgur* was waiting offshore. But the 36,330-tonne *Ain Zalah* was allowed to slip past patrolling Yemeni gunboats and unload at Aden. Yemen's surprise pledge had raised hopes that it would be the latest of Iraq's allies to throw in its lot with the international community.

Two more Iraqi tankers were in Aden last night, although it was not clear if they had arrived before Yemen made its limited pledge.

Saudis seek a million doom suits

By Michael Horsnell

HUGE orders for British-made "doom suits" to protect allied soldiers and civilians in the Middle East from chemical attack by Iraq have been received by the defence ministry. They include a request for more than a million from Saudi Arabia.

The nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) suits, made under licence by three British companies, are widely regarded as the best protection in the world, but their popularity is likely to lead to tough governmental decisions as maximum weekly production is 2,000.

The demand is coinciding with growing scientific concern about the suits's usefulness.

British Aerospace has been appointed by the ministry's sales organisation as co-ordinating contractors for the project as war looms. Already

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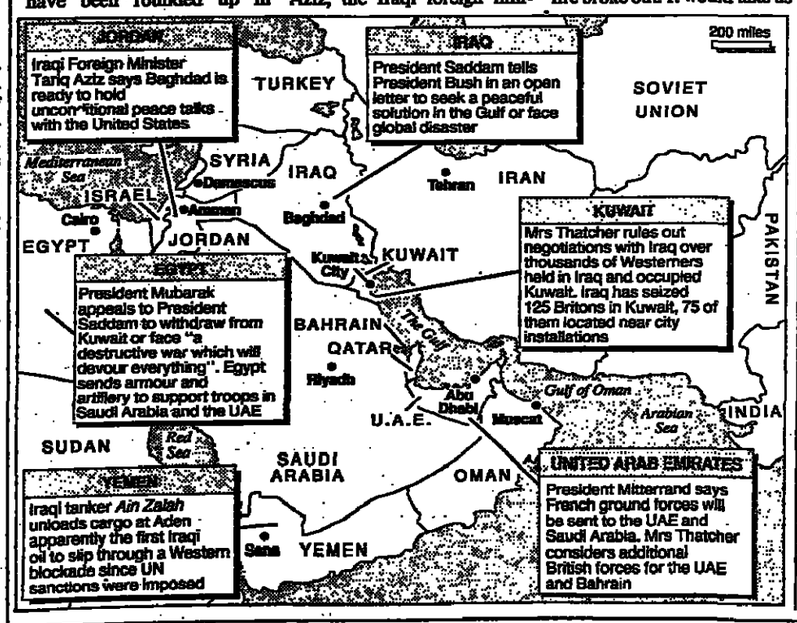

Timetable agreed by East Germans

From Girard Steichen in Bonn

POLITICAL leaders in East Germany's parliament, after weeks of bitter feuding, yesterday agreed on a timetable for German unification, but the decision drew sharp criticism and debate from party ranks.

The prime minister, Lothar de Maizière said he and faction leaders of all political parties represented in the Volkskammer had forged a compromise agreement calling for unification to take effect on Oct. 14. The compromise was at least a temporary victory for the prime minister, who has been fighting against growing calls for immediate German unification to throttle the nation's increasing economic and political turmoil.

But the dispute continues to simmer. Some political leaders have urged that a vote on immediate unity be held today. Yesterday's agreement could serve to avert the emergency vote, although the mood in the Volkskammer remains volatile and many deputies appear to oppose the decision.

Social Democratic (SPD) leaders said there was great disagreement within its delegation. "This timetable is by no means certain," said the SPD leader, Wolfgang Thierse.

He said it was possible that

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The British economy faces austerity for years ahead if long-term inflationary pressures are to be removed, say economists at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

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Derided Sinclair C5 has last laugh at 72mph

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

ADAM Harper is set to put an end to the motoring joke which almost cost one of the country's best known brains his reputation. Mr Harper, aged 26, plans to drive a Sinclair C5, the electric car which drivers had to pedal up hills, at more than 80mph to win the British land speed record for an electric car.

The attempt, in October, will no doubt be greeted with mirth among experts, who condemned the tiny three-wheeler when it was rolled into the public gaze by Sir Clive Sinclair, the computer genius whose business activities won the admiration of the prime minister.

The C5 was Sir Clive's nadir six years ago when a disbelieving public was confronted by the plastic trike, powered by an electric motor made by Hoover. Looking more like a toy than a road-going vehicle, the C5 was capable of only 15mph and the driver had to pedal furiously to help the tiny washing machine motor get the better of steep hills or go faster.

However, it might yet be shown that Sir Clive was ahead of his time. Mr Harper, who owns a bicycle shop in Kent, says that the C5 now changes hands at up to £2,500 each, and he is about to underline its abilities by breaking the current 67mph electric vehicle land speed record. His adapted C5 has already reached 72mph in tests and he confidently expects to pass 80mph in his quest to rehabilitate the reputation of the midget runabout.

The C5 used in the record attempt will have an updated version of the original C5 engine, supplied by EMD, an electric engine manufacturer and exporter from Essex. With all this power, however, the problem will not be getting up speed, but stopping, so Mr Harper will be carrying a drag parachute of the type used by Nasa for braking just in case the two-mile runway at RAF Elvington, North Yorkshire, is not long enough. The C5 used in the record-breaking run will also have motorcycle wheels and tyres and Mr Harper will be wearing the same protective clothing worn by a formula one drivers.

The record attempt will be the last chapter of a story which started for Mr Harper when he bought 600 C5s from a film company three years ago as a speculative investment. His move was not an immediate success, but a rail strike and the growing interest in the environment brought about a revival for the little trikes which were soon commanding prices of £900 among customers looking for novelty transport.

Harper: has ordered a braking parachute

EUROPE

Ministers agree to co-ordinate naval operations in Gulf

From ANDREW MCEWEN IN PARIS

SIX West European naval powers agreed yesterday to co-ordinate their operations in the Gulf to enforce United Nations trade sanctions against Iraq. Britain, France, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands and Belgium, all members of the Western European Union, are to share the task of stopping Iraq's supply lines.

They will pool their intelligence, logistical support and precautions against air attack and will attempt to harmonise their rules of engagement. West Germany, also a member of the union, announced proposals to change its constitution so that it could deploy forces outside the Nato area when acting in support of UN resolutions.

Soon after the agreement, the 12 EC nations agreed to refuse an order by Iraq to close their embassies in Kuwait by Friday. All recognised that this would place their diplomats in danger, but argued that it was essential to show a united front. They issued a joint warning to Baghdad that any attempt to harm the Europeans held in Iraq and Kuwait would "provoke a united response".

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, made it clear that they were considering a political, not military response.

The ministers also warned individual Iraqis that they would hold them "personally responsible" under international law for any illegal acts. Mr Hurd said he hoped this would have some effect. He hinted that if at some future time Iraqis were called to account for harming Europeans, they would not be able to argue that they have obeyed orders.

The naval and political moves were linked in that foreign ministers went directly from the union meeting to the EC meeting. This underlined a view held by some European countries that the union is the EC's substitute for a defence policy. The linked moves were clearly intended to show Europe as a significant element in the international response to the invasion of Kuwait. Mr Hurd emphasised that the naval operations would be "alongside, in parallel with" similar action by the United States, Canada and Australia.

The military significance might have been greater but for a lack of agreement over how much force could be used when intercepting vessels attempting to break sanctions. The Dutch delegation at first implied that it would only wish to follow vessels, not board them, but later appeared to go along with a consensus.

Dr Willem van Eekelen, the secretary-general of the union, who is a former Dutch defence minister, was asked whether the seven-nation force was prepared to shoot if necessary. He replied "in principle, yes".

Mr Hurd described the decision to co-ordinate forces as "an impressive display of European solidarity". Tom King, the defence secretary, said there had been "incredible unanimity".

In a symbolic gesture two British supply ships were sailing to the Gulf yesterday in convoy with two Dutch warships and were expected to be joined by two Spanish vessels.

Britain and France, which appeared last week to be at odds over how UN trade sanctions should be implemented, seemed to have settled their differences. This was probably made possible by the French government's decision to allow its warships to use force if necessary.

After a breakfast meeting with Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, Mr Hurd said: "The positions and analysis of France and Britain are pretty close together."

West Germany has been unable to send ships to the Gulf because it is forbidden under its Basic Law to deploy forces outside the Nato area. Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Gerhard Stoltenberg, the German foreign and defence ministers, said that the Bonn cabinet had agreed to propose changes in the Basic Law, making it possible for Germany to deploy forces in areas such as the Gulf when supporting UN resolutions.

Mr Hurd said: "It is very welcome that a united Germany will be able to play a fuller part in the defence of a wider Europe."

The meeting was seen as the most important in the 36 years since the union was formed. It was the second time it had agreed to co-ordinate naval operations, the first time being in 1987, during the Iran-Iraq war.

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Tom King, left, the defence secretary, talking to Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, before the Western European Union meeting in Paris yesterday at which six countries agreed to co-ordinate Gulf naval operations

BRITAIN

Ground forces may go to protect RAF

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister confirmed yesterday that the option of sending British ground forces to Saudi Arabia or to the emirates, possibly to protect RAF fighter aircraft, is being considered.

But the likelihood that Britain will become more militarily involved in the stand against Iraq has presented the Ministry of Defence with a dilemma.

So far, with the commitment of two fighter squadrons, three Nimrod maritime reconnaissance aircraft, two VC10 tankers, Rapier anti-aircraft missiles, signals units, three minesweepers and a total of 1,700 naval, army and RAF personnel, Britain's contribution has been a token gesture, though an important one.

The contribution was concocted at short notice as a sign of Britain's willingness to join a multi-national effort. The intention was to complement the American forces being sent to Saudi Arabia.

Now the ministry must consider a a far bigger commitment, although Mrs Thatcher seemed to be hinting that additional forces might be sent to Dubai or one of the other emirates. Alan Clark, the minister for defence procurement, recently returned from the area.

Since air power is considered to be the key factor in deterring the Iraqis from invading Saudi Arabia, it appears more likely at this stage that Britain may send more Tornadoes to the region.

One question has been whether British troops could be used in an offensive capacity. Mrs Thatcher implied that she preferred a defensive role when she spoke of the need to have people on the ground to protect RAF fighter aircraft.

Defence officials have been considering whether it be would appropriate to send elements of 5 Airborne Brigade. This is Britain's strategic reserve force and, if there was a drawn-out conflict, the ministry would be reluctant to commit it to long-term operations in the region.

But the planners at the defence ministry are looking at a number of other units which could be sent if the government decides on ground forces. These include elements of 3 Commando Brigade, which consists of Marines and army support elements including gunners and engineers. The brigade, based at Plymouth, played a principle role in the recapture of the Falkland Islands in 1982. Other units being considered are 19 Infantry Brigade, based at Colchester and 24 Air Mobile Brigade, based at Catterick.

Both 19 Infantry Brigade and 24 Air Mobile Brigade, each with about 4,000 men, have large supplies of Milan anti-tank weapons, which could be used in a defensive capacity against an assault by Iraqi armoured divisions on air bases in Saudi Arabia, such as the one at Dhahran, where the RAF Tornado F3 squadron is located.

Although Egypt has now offered to send tanks to Saudi Arabia, the possibility of Britain sending Challenger or Chieftain tanks from West Germany is ruled out because of the limited sealift capacity. Since the Falklands campaign, when 52 ships were taken up from trade, including roll-on-roll-off ferries, container ships and passenger liners for transporting aircraft, armour, other vehicles, fuel, food and troops, the merchant fleet has been heavily reduced.

BRITAIN

Thatcher seeks international support for trade blockade

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

INTERNATIONAL support for the enforcement of the naval blockade of Iraq is the best way of averting war in the Gulf, the prime minister said yesterday in her first public comments on the confrontation for two weeks.

In a measured response to the alarming events of the 19 days since President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, Mrs Thatcher placed her greatest emphasis on the importance of the trade embargo on Iraq in resolving the crisis.

The West's objective was to force President Saddam to comply with the United Nations resolution requiring an immediate and unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and the means were twofold: the "defensive" build-up of military force to deter further aggression and the subsequent UN resolution imposing blanket trade sanctions.

She agreed that the 4,500 Britons trapped in Iraq and Kuwait were now being held hostage and accused President Saddam of trying to "hide behind Western women and children" and use them as "bargaining counters' in his dealings with the West.

These tactics would not work. Britain would not sink to the Iraqi leader's "callous and repulsive" level and enter into negotiations or alter its policy over the use of force to make the embargo stick.

The time might come when it was advisable to recall Parliament, but it had not yet arrived, she said.

She criticised the conduct of the International Committee of the Red Cross. She said she was "deeply disappointed" that it not responded to two requests from the US, Britain and other European countries to take action to protect their nationals. She made clear that Britain intended to defy the Iraqi authorities and ignore their demand to close the British embassy in Kuwait and transfer its staff to Baghdad.

She also appealed to countries that have not sent forces to the region to defray some of the costs of those that have and to help states such as Turkey and Jordan, which will be worst affected by the trade embargo.

Political reaction to the prime minister's remarks was generally supportive, in keeping with the united front that has been generally be maintained over events in the Gulf. Gerald Kaufman, the Labour foreign affairs spokesman, said the prime minister's comments were "satisfactory" but was critical of the lack of urgency in getting a UN resolution giving clear authority for the naval blockade. Sir David Steel, the Liberal foreign affairs spokesman, said the government had been "a bit slow" on this front and reiterated his demand for the recall of Parliament.

Speaking at a 25-minute press conference in the government chief whip's offices in Downing Street, Mrs Thatcher repeatedly emphasised that to be effective sanctions had to have teeth. Although article 51 of the UN charter gave Britain and America the right to enforce sanctions through a naval blockade, they would like the "extra authority of the whole world" through the further resolution now being debated in the UN security council, which would specifically authorise the use of force to ensure compliance.

In a clear appeal to those countries with misgivings about the naval blockade, she suggested that the alternative could well prove much worse.

However, while showing no sign of any slackening in her determination to drive President Saddam from Kuwait, the prime minister generally sought to play down the significance of reports mainly emanating from the United States that the West is on the brink of war in the Middle East. Nor did her aims extend beyond forcing President Saddam out of Kuwait to attacking him directly and toppling him from power.

Mrs Thatcher began by making a statement in which she accused President Saddam of substituting the rule of force for the rule of law. That could not be allowed to stand.

"Our objective is first to defend the other countries in the Gulf, defend their territorial integrity, and keep them independent; and second, to get the invaders out of Kuwait and to restore Kuwait to its independence, and its legitimate government.

"The means are the defence we are operating in the Gulf countries at the moment and the pressure on Saddam Hussein being conducted through the sanctions resolution, which to be effective must have teeth...

"I cannot stress too much that embargo must be effective. That is our main means of bringing pressure on Iraq. It must therefore be effective and it must therefore be enforced and we must have the means to enforce it."

UNITED NATIONS

Yemen averts disaster for West

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AT AROUND 1am yesterday, diplomats preparing to enter a closed-door session of the UN Security Council began taking bets on whether the meeting would end by 5am.

The United States, which called the emergency meeting, had set that as the deadline for adoption of a resolution authorising navies in the area to stop ships breaking the UN embargo on Iraq. Shortly afterwards, according to US diplomats, a loaded Iraqi oil tanker would leave the Gulf for the safety of the territorial waters of Yemen, in effect breaking the UN sanctions.

Ricardo Alarcon, the Cuban ambassador and the council member most strongly opposed to the US initiative, was asked where he would put his money. "You are asking the wrong question," he said. "The question is not whether we will finish by 5am, but whether we will start by then." The bleary-eyed diplomats, who had already adopted four resolutions against Iraq since its invasion of Kuwait, were eventually rescued by Yemen, the council's sole Arab member. Abdalla Saleh al-Ashtal, the Yemeni ambassador, announced that Yemen had decided to respect the mandatory UN sanctions and not take delivery of the Iraqi oil. That decision averted what one diplomat called earlier in the evening a "total disaster" for Western powers seeking UN approval for naval action.

By calling the emergency meeting to try to force through their plan, the Americans threatened to ruin five days of groundwork by other permanent members of the Security Council. Non-American diplomats saw the move as premature.

Thanks to the Yemeni assurance, the Security Council broke up at 2am, agreeing to postpone consideration of a draft resolution proposed by the United States until "an early date". That gave Britain, France and the United States time to canvass support from the other two permanent members of the council — China and the Soviet Union — and its other 10 members before pressing the resolution to a vote.

The draft prepared by the Americans was changed several times during the midnight consultations — but its purpose was clear. In the words of Mr al-Ashtal, it was intended to give a "green light" to navies to stop shipping to and from Iraq.

The last text presented to the meeting called "with immediate effect upon all member states which are deploying maritime forces to the area to use such minimum force as may be necessary under the authority of the Security Council to verify the cargoes and destinations of all inward and outward merchant shipping and in what regard to ensure strict enforcement of measures laid down in Resolution 661", the sanctions resolution.

Both Yemen and Cuba openly opposed the draft. Mr Alarcon of Cuba said: "What the council should do is make it clear that nobody should use military force, that no one is authorised to use military force by Resolution 661."

The Chinese oppose the presence of foreign navies in the Gulf, saying it heightens tensions in the area and makes a peaceful solution more difficult. Diplomats indicate, however, that they are unlikely to use their veto power to block the American proposal.

The Soviet Union on the other hand, hoped to gain some control over Western navies in the Gulf by setting up a UN command mechanism.

UNITED STATES

US mothers bid sons farewell with dread in their hearts

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

HALF-stifled sobs of women and children have filled the world's largest naval base for the past two weeks as the navy ships out its biggest deployment of sailors since Vietnam. The word is not on their lips, but the thought is very much on their minds: war.

"There she goes," whispered Marlene Edwards as tugs pushed the USS Guam carrying her son, Dale, out into the channel. "He's 27 but of course he's still a baby to us. Right, Daddy?" Her husband, a towering Virginia cattle farmer named Emmett, crumpled a tissue as he inclined his straw hat in a reluctant nod. They couldn't see their boy, but they waved anyway.

The white dress uniforms of the sailors on the ship's flight desk turned to silhouettes in the heat haze over the water as families shuffled their way back to their cars.

"We're more worried than usual this time, because of all that's happening," said Mrs Edwards, her eyes welling with tears. "We don't know how long this one will be. Just so long as every one of them comes back okay."

They drove more than 1,000 miles last weekend to collect their son from the naval base for a family reunion at their farm and to return him for his early morning departure.

Dale Edwards is one of an estimated possible 200,000 American troops who could find themselves in the Gulf after President Bush's call for military action against Iraq. The number-plates in the visitors' car park last weekend showed that families had driven from California, Florida and other far-flung states to say farewell to their relatives.

About 40 ships have left Norfolk during the past fortnight for the Mediterranean and the Gulf, carrying thousands of tons of military equipment and often a couple of thousand marines and sailors each. The speed of the mobilisation has left families and veteran sailors in shock. "Seems kind of bare around here," said Ed Cantrell, a part-time barber at the base since retiring 32 years ago after 25 years of duty. "I've never seen anything like this."

Many of the troops did not expect to leave port so soon, let alone find themselves on an open-ended mission which could lead to their first experience of warfare. "I didn't join the navy to kill people," said Brad Mackenzie, the legal officer on USS Iwo Jima. "It paid to put me through school. But if President Bush says 'go' then I know he must be right. We'll wait until everyone is in place and then we'll go in hard."

Throughout the base are signs that the rapid deployment has caught the navy unawares. A billboard proclaims: "Base Bash. Aug 31-Sept 3. Be there." The family counselling service has received a flood of calls from navy wives and husbands anxious to sort out last-minute problems.

Many of the sailors have reacted to their deployment with a mixture of trepidation about the possibility of chemical warfare by Iraq and relief that the preparations are over. Crews worked through the night to load supplies on to the Iwo Jima on her last Saturday in America as several marines snatched some sleep in their bunks.

Those allowed off ship for a final taste of life ashore gyrated on the dance-floor of Knickerbocker's nightclub a few miles from the base, or drove to the commercialised seafront of Virginia Beach resort for an evening at one of the many singles bars.

Many of the troops are not old enough to drink legally in their own country. The average age of the crew on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier, statistically one of the navy's most hazardous jobs, is 19. "I'm not looking forward to it at all," said Seaman Kaminski. "It's scary." Some of the girlfriends who waved goodbye on the piers of Norfolk were barely 16. Plenty of the wives now left waiting are in their early twenties with children.

But one of the biggest shocks to anyone unfamiliar with the navy is how quickly the ships leave harbour to begin their two-week voyage. Little more than 15 minutes pass between the moment the lines are cast off and the throaty sound of the siren as a warship moves away from her tugs. The emotions of the bystanders are compressed into a quarter of an hour.

As the USS Nassau prepared to leave, women drew hearts in the air, blew kisses and waved farewells to their men on deck. Some waved their hats in reply. "If I remember what it's like, you're too depressed to wave," said Lieutenant-Commander Seamus O'Boyle. "It's an awful feeling standing there and watching your wife cry."

KUWAIT BORDER

Experts play down Iraq's 'shaky' army on frontline

From CHARLES MILLER, IN A POOLED DESPATCH, DHAHRAN

IRAQI forces dug in close to the Kuwaiti border are in a shambles and reduced to stealing water and siphoning petrol from civilian cars, according to British intelligence sources.

The sources said the capabilities of the 120,000 men from President Saddam's Republican Guard had been grossly exaggerated; and they believe Iraqi supply lines are so bad that a full-scale invasion with reinforcements is all but impossible. Most of the troops dug in 10 to 15 miles behind the border are young teenagers described as "shaky".

It was being emphasised at the Dhahran military complex in northeastern Saudi Arabia that the Iraqi troops did not appear to be a "poised force". One intelligence source said: "Their re-supply lines are a shambles." Early over-estimates of the strength of President Saddam's forces in Kuwait were the result of troops being moved around the country. The threat of chemical weapons was also being played down.

The huge air shield of American, British and Saudi warplanes all but rules out a successful air strike by Iraqi bombers, and American Patriot ground-to-air missiles are capable of destroying Soviet-built Scud missiles armed with chemical warheads.

Although Iraq has produced large quantities of blister agents such as mustard gas, it has only small amounts of the nerve gases Tabun and Sarin, both of which would degrade quickly in the extreme temperatures in Saudi Arabia.

Some of the Iraqi soldiers are as young as 16 and Air Vice-Marshal Sandy Wilson, commander of British forces in Saudi Arabia, said: "There is a danger of giving too much credit to Saddam's capabilities."

But he did not underestimate the professionalism of Iraqi pilots. The Iraqis have a small number of Soviet MiG-29 and French Mirage F1 fighter aircraft. Their second-line aircraft, however, are old and vulnerable. Britain's 12 Tornado F3 fighters are flying regular sorties with American and Saudi warplanes. Radar contact has been made with Iraqi aircraft, but Air Vice-Marshal Wilson refused to elaborate.

An integrated command structure has been established between the three air forces, although each remains under separate national command.

The military build-up at Dhahran is continuing and every day the air defence shield is strengthened. "It is a comfort to me that as a result the Iraqis' ability to get chemical weapons through is increasingly reduced," said Air Vice-Marshal Wilson.

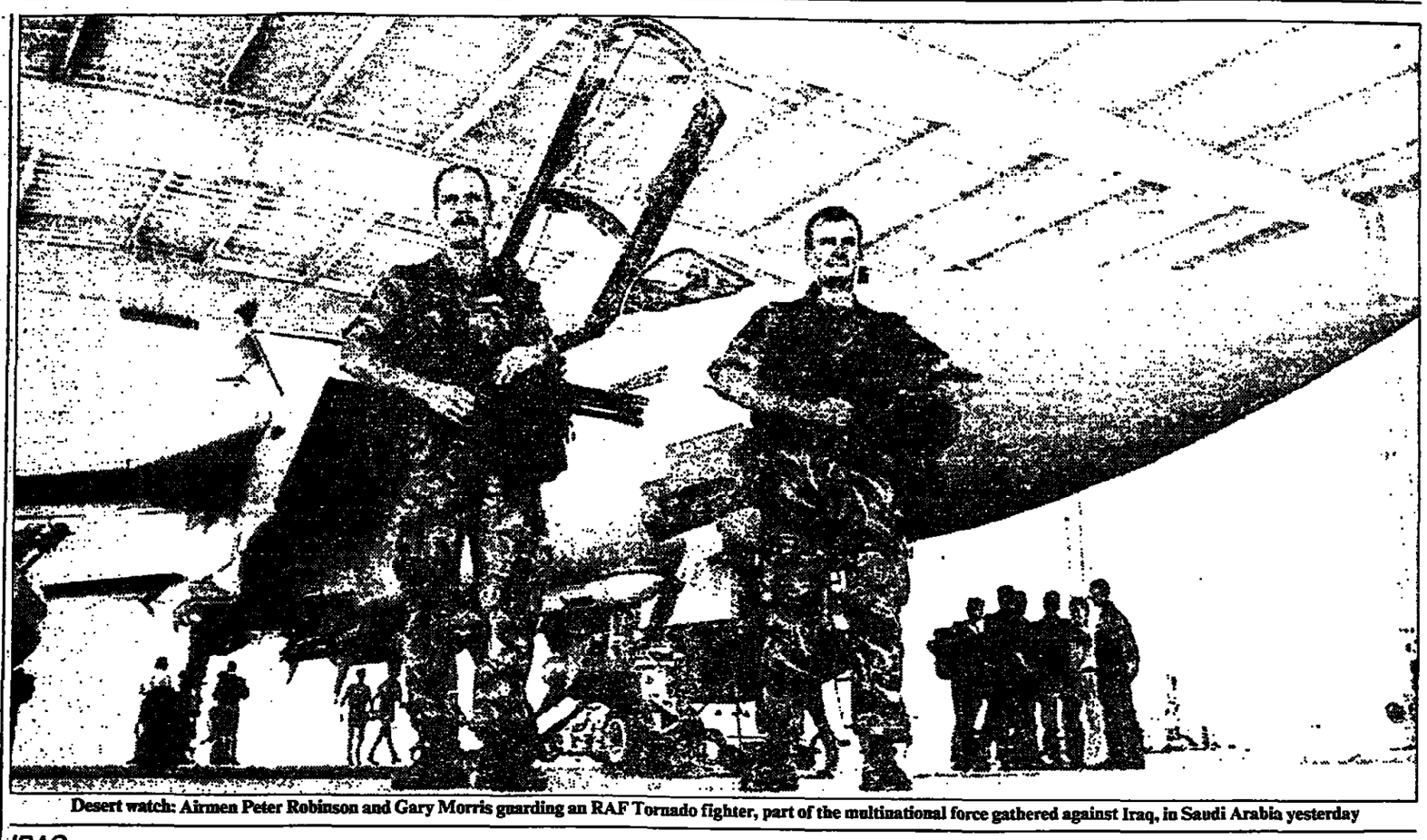
Rapier anti-aircraft missile batteries sent from Britain were being held in Cyprus because Britain had decided the air defences provided by the United States and Saudi Arabia were more than adequate, he said.

British Aerospace workers in Saudi Arabia for a multi-billion-pound arms deal are working round the clock servicing Saudi Tornado and Hawk aircraft. Don McClen, chief executive of BAe's operation in Saudi Arabia, said his men had achieved 100 per cent operational readiness for the Saudi aircraft.

He said the 3,500 British workers were concerned about exaggerated reports in Britain on the situation in the Gulf. Fewer than 20 had decided to return home, and most of them had done so because of worries about their families in Britain.

About 800 wives and children had returned to Britain from Saudi Arabia, said Mr McClen. BAe would withdraw only if instructed to do so by the British government.

Sir Alan Munro, Britain's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, said one of the biggest problems was the propaganda battle being waged by President Saddam. He described it as "insidious", but emphasised that it was now being countered successfully.



Desert watch: Airmen Peter Robinson and Gary Morris guarding an RAF Tornado fighter, part of the multinational force gathered against Iraq, in Saudi Arabia yesterday

EGYPT

Mubarak threatens Baghdad with war

From RICHARD OWEN IN CAIRO

AMID reports that Egypt is reinforcing its growing military presence in the Gulf by sending anti-aircraft missiles and tanks, President Mubarak yesterday made an eleventh-hour appeal to President Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait or face "a destructive war which will devour everything".

As the Egyptian leader made his appeal, Richard Cheney, the US Defence Secretary, held unscheduled talks here with General Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb, the Egyptian defence minister. Mr Cheney made a one-hour stopover at Cairo airport at the end of a four-day tour of the Gulf.

Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian foreign minister, also arrived in Egypt unexpectedly and held talks with President Mubarak on the Arab League force in Saudi Arabia, to which Syria is also contributing troops.

Western military sources said Egypt had sent anti-aircraft missiles, armoured personnel carriers, howitzers and M60 tanks to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to provide support for its troops. There was no immediate official confirmation of this. An estimated 5,000 Egyptian soldiers are deployed in the Gulf, and President Mubarak this week said Egypt's military commitment was "open-ended".

Egyptian government-controlled television and radio interrupted programmes to carry President Mubarak's appeal to Baghdad to pull its troops out of Kuwait before it was too late. "If the fire breaks out", he said, "it will take us backwards to darkness and loss."

He went on: "I appeal to President Saddam Hussein to save mankind from a destructive war which would destroy all greenery, all land. God only knows how terrifying the end will be if such a war begins."

Egypt has taken the leading Arab role both in sending troops to Saudi Arabia and in putting pressure on President Saddam to back down. In response, the Iraqi leader has branded President Mubarak an agent of Western neo-colonialism, and has called — so far without success — for a Muslim uprising against the Mubarak government.

Addressing President Saddam directly, Mr Mubarak said: "I am fully confident you will respond to this appeal out of deference to the supreme Arab interest, which is above all other considerations." He said the Arab nation was capable of solving its own problems if it used "the brains of its sons and leaders".

"These are critical, decisive and difficult hours," Mr Mubarak said. "I appeal in the name of all that is sacred on our Arab soil, in the name of Islam, the religion of peace, and in the name of Arab nationalism."

The Egyptian leader urged President Saddam to pull out of Kuwait "in the name of light, good and right". Such a step would be applauded by the whole world, he said.

Egypt has nearly half a million men under arms, but it is expected to limit its contribution to the Arab force in the Gulf to around ten to twelve thousand.

IRAQ

Saddam goes underground to thwart assassination attempts

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein of Iraq is a former assassin who thinks that he knows all the tricks to which his enemies might resort if they wanted to kill him. He therefore goes to extraordinary lengths to thwart them.

Some of his precautions are traditional. Others are distinctly of this age. If the CIA decides that the best way to lift his shadow from the Middle East is his physical destruction the task might not prove easy, even if access to him could be gained.

President Saddam has not been seen in public since August 3, when he made an unannounced appearance before the Iraqi national assembly to explain his invasion of Kuwait the previous day. Since then, he has been seen in a news bulletin on Baghdad television only once, when he received the puppet ministers of the new Kuwaiti regime.

The austere appearance of the room in which that ceremony was held stood in contrast with the gaudy palaces President Saddam has built for himself all over the country. It is thought that he has retreated to a concrete bunker, of which he has built many, including one in a suburb of Baghdad that is said to be secure against nuclear attack.

Even during the most secure spells of his rule over Iraq, for example since the end of the Gulf war with Iran two years ago, President Saddam has taken no chances with his personal safety. His frequent "meet-the-people" excursions were no more than masquerades. They were always unexpected, and his bodyguards would cordon off the chosen location for hours before his arrival of his convoy to search all residents.

A British politician who sought an audience with the Iraqi leader says that after passing through numerous checkpoints and a thorough body search, he was made to wash his hands with a strong detergent "to minimise the risk of transmitting a desease" to President Saddam.

Those seeking President Saddam's company are usually also made to change into new clothes issued by guards before they are taken into his presence. This precaution may have been inspired by the memory of "the exploding mullahs" in September 1970. A few months after concluding a peace agreement with Mustafa Barzani, the late leader of the Kurdish autonomy movement in the northern highlands, President Saddam persuaded a number of Arab religious leaders to visit Barzani with cassette recorders hidden under their robes "so that we can ourselves hear what Barzani has to say". The recorders were packed with dynamite and were exploded by remote conrol as Barzani began to speak. If a man serving tea had not stood between him and the mullahs, the Kurdish leader would have died instantly.

Even his ally King Husain of Jordan found himself at the receiving end of President Saddam's paranoia last year. The monarch was made to wait on the tarmac at Amman airport for hours while a succession of empty Iraqi aircraft landed. The president eventually emerged from a small executive jet.

During the war with Iran, his whereabouts were kept so secret that, by their own admission today, his senior ministers sometimes sought him for five days before finding him. One minister, Samir Najm, was once found carrying a pistol when he arrived for a cabinet meeting. He was severly beaten by the palace guard. When he was at last allowed to enter the cabinet room, he did not dare complain. Instead, he praised the guards for their vigilance.

Bodyguards must fulfil two conditions after passing the most rigorous checks on their backgrounds. They must come from one of the Bedouin tribes of Takrit, Shammar or Obeid, and they must be shorter than President Saddam. The guards are then given many privileges.

In common with the caliph Harun ar-Rashid in the ninth century, and Nicolae Ceausescu, the late dictator of Romania, President Saddam has official food tasters. This came to light last year when Baghdad radio announced that the president's eldest son, Udai, aged 29, would be tried for the murder of his father's chief food taster at an official party for the wife of President Mubarak of Egypt. (Udai has been reinstated as chairman of the Iraqi Olympics committee). President Saddam is said to wait at least half an hour for signs of possible illness in his food tasters before he eats from the dishes they have partially consumed.

Above all, perhaps, the task of would-be assassins would be made more difficult by President Saddam's preference for not spending two successive nights in the same place, and by his travelling in fleets of at least 20 identical cars or helicopters.

A former British cabinet minister told *The Times* this week that, none the less, the Americans always knew where he was. This is said to be because of the volume of radio traffic that accompanies his guards. If so, it might explain why President Saddam has retreated to underground bunkers and why he is said to be displaying "nervous eyes".

Deck hands: An officer signalling to the pilot of a Lynx helicopter to take off from the stern of HMS Jupiter, a Leander class frigate, during a routine Gulf patrol yesterday

LEBANON

Beirut's economy takes hard knock

From A CORRESPONDENT IN BEIRUT

ALTHOUGH the Gulf confrontation has not brought more violence to Lebanon, it has inflicted severe economic damage. But experts are holding out hope that Beirut might become a leading candidate in the Middle East for new investment.

For the past 16 years, the Lebanese economy has been based on the grinding civil war and its by-products. Money spent on arms and ammunition, invisible funds from drug trafficking and remittances from expatriates constituted the main sources of national income, said Nazih el-Kurd, an economics expert. Most of Lebanon's skilled labour had emigrated to the West or the Gulf and sent money home, he said.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation and Iranian-backed groups such as Hezbollah ensured an inflow of about $400 million (£208 million) a year to fund their militias and proxies. Until August 2, the economy was able to adjust to the political and financial stagnation.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait, the immediate effect on Lebanon was an unusual but uneasy calm and a de facto ceasefire. But Lebanese relief was ended by sudden economic deterioration. The value of the American dollar soared to a record 910 Lebanese pounds from 600 before the invasion of Kuwait. Prices also rose. Bankers attributed the collapse to factors ranging from fear of war to the loss of substantial remittances from the Gulf.

Wealthy Lebanese based in the Gulf fled to the West rather than return home, while poorer expatriates who did return became a burden on the economy, said Mr el-Kurd. The total loss, according to Marwan Iskandar, an economist, corresponded to $800 million a year. In addition, the PLO's support for Iraq meant a cut in funds provided by oil-rich countries opposed to Baghdad.

Mr el-Kurd said the only hope for Lebanon lay in restoring calm and stability so it would attract investment and skilled labour. "Now that the boom in the Gulf has ended, Lebanon is the only candidate to inherit prosperity," he said. "We are the only country in the region with a free-market system and virtually no foreign debt."

JORDAN

Marriage lifeline for US hostage

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A PALESTINIAN from Nicosia played the matchmaker as a American woman reporter married a Muslim fundamentalist in Kuwait last week. Like a quickie marriage parlour in Las Vegas, the Jordanian embassy rushed through the papers and the two sped off to Amman for a honeymoon.

Their union ended after just 24 hours, but not in acrimony. It was a marriage of convenience, a novel and far safer way of fleeing Kuwait than dodging Iraqi bullets in a convoy darting over the desert to Saudi Arabia.

The woman was lucky because she had good contacts and was known to sympathise with the Palestinian cause. The go-between in Nicosia was called in by a mutual friend. He managed to telephone a friend in Kuwait, a Palestinian with a Jordanian passport. "You must do all you can to help free this lady", he told him, "even if you have to marry her."

Others have been seeking the help of the Palestinians, but not on such an individual level. According to PLO officials in Tunis, President Mitterrand of France had been in touch with Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, to express his concern about 560 French nationals trapped in Iraq and Kuwait. The organisation, which loves a high-profile mediating role in international crises, was keen to be seen helping, especially a friend like President Mitterrand. He is one of the few European leaders to treat Mr Arafat as a head of state. The PLO also relies on him to keep its cause alive once the emergency in the Gulf subsides.

Because the French have a record of buying out their hostages, there was talk of a deal. But the PLO, which has suffered by supporting Iraq, was clearly hoping for political support, not money, and was delighted to be able to offer the French president some comfort. But with eight French warships either in or on their way to the Gulf there were clearly limits to what Mr Arafat could persuade his "brother Saddam" to do.

Last night the Iraqi leader threatened to move his French "friends" to nerve centres in Baghdad if Paris supported Washington's action and enforced sanctions with naval power. The warning came after France said it would join efforts to enforce the embargo on Iraq "with firmness".

So far, according to Arab sources, only Americans and Britons have been used as human shield against a possible US strike. They are housed in heavily-guarded compounds.

AMMAN NOTEBOOK by *Christopher Walker*

Jordan exodus quickens as expatriates lose nerve

In the eerily deserted dining room of the Holiday International Hotel in the Red Sea port of Aqaba, the Filipina waitress serving the only occupied table whispered discreetly so that the Arab members of the staff would not overhear: "Do you think it is safe to stay? We are all very frightened that we will get caught in the middle."

Just across the bay, the lights of the Israeli resort of Eilat twinkled with deceptive allure, a reminder of Jordan's uncomfortable position between the Jewish state on one side and Iraq on the other. It is no surprise that most flights to all destinations from Amman are fully booked, particularly since Monday when the United States advised Americans to leave.

Anti-American demonstrations are now so commonplace that protesters have run out of American flags to burn. Many shops now refuse to stock American cigarettes and the Pharmacists' Association is organising a boycott of American-made drugs.

Despite the intense dislike of America and all that it stands for in the Gulf, a queue is still to be found outside the US embassy every morning as Jordanians, including those of Palestinian origin, line up in the hope of obtaining a US visa.

War fever fuelled by the widespread belief that Israel will become a part of any Gulf conflict has left shelves in Jordan's supermarkets stripped of many kinds of food, causing shortages of canned goods, rice and sugar. Fights have occasionally broken out as housewives compete for the few remaining packets.

The run on essentials has been increased by the influx of tens of thousands of penniless foreign refugees from Iraq and Kuwait. Up to 20,000 are arriving daily and stretching the resources of the tiny Hashemite kingdom to the limit.

The tension is reinforced by the daily newspaper advertisements in which heads of important tribes, trade associations and other bodies express fulsome support for King Husain and President Saddam Hussein. The king has ordered a crash programme in civil defence training and mass recruitment to a new "popular army". A search has begun for gas masks as Khalid Tarawneh, the former civil defence chief, said that a previous order for 250,000 had not been met "for financial reasons". The Amman Municipality has begun cleaning a dozen underground air-raid shelters which have been unused since the 1970 civil war.

Then, as now, the headquarters for the press is the Intercontinental Hotel, across the road from the US embassy. Among the best-informed guests are members of a crew from the American ABC television network recently invited into Baghdad to interview Tariq Aziz, the foreign minister. "We went as his guests and he was responsible for our safety", said one producer. "So it was disconcerting to find that officials at the foreign ministry were becoming increasingly isolated from the leadership. One even had the courage to tell me privately he was opposed to the policy of using the hostages as human shields."

One member of the ABC team discovered some of the American hostages crammed together on three upper floors of a Baghdad hotel, closely guarded by members of the Mukhabarat, the Iraqi intelligence service. "They had nothing to do, so most left their hotel room doors open and sat out in the corridors gossiping and desperately trying to fill in time," he said.

The visas for the trip were obtained through the Iraqi embassy in Washington and designed to give maximum publicity to the message for Mr Aziz.

Followers of the ABC crew who make the vain, daily journey to the unfriendly Iraqi embassy in Amman have quickly come to learn the meaning of the Arabic word *bukra*. As one disgruntled British newsman explained: "It is the same as *mañana* but without the urgency of the Spanish."

Far from imposing sanctions on Iraq as requested by President Bush, Jordan this week launched a public appeal through its General Union of Voluntary Societies to raise cash and goods to give to the children of Iraq. Within the first 24 hours, the appeal raised the equivalent of more than £100,000.

Abdullah Katib, the executive president, said that Jordanian companies had volunteered freezer lorries to deliver foodstuffs such as milk, eggs and biscuits and that the first deliveries were expected to be made "in a few days".

Dr Katib said the appeal would soon be extended internationally, adding that enquiries about how to contribute had already been received from Yemin and the Israeli-occupied West Bank. "This is not economic aid, it is humanitarian," he said. The cause will get extra publicity when Jordanian women march through central Amman to the Basman Palace tomorrow to pledge support for the king.

MPs accuse oil companies of profiteering

By Peter Mulligan

THE Office of Fair Trading was urged yesterday to launch an investigation into recent petrol price rises as MPs accused the oil companies of profiteering from the confrontation in the Gulf.

The latest increase at the pumps by Texaco, Esso and BP, adding 3.2p to a gallon, prompted an angry response from politicians who said that the rise was premature. Margaret Thatcher told a press conference at Downing Street that the government had appealed for petrol prices to be no higher than what was strictly necessary.

However, in a defence of the oil companies, the prime minister said that oil was difficult to store and that supplies bought at $13-$15 a barrel had now to be replaced at $28-$29. She said that oil companies would not stay in business if they did not replace stocks now costing twice the price. Frank Dobson, Labour's energy spokesman, criticised "petrol price profiteering" and called for an assurance from ministers that it would not be allowed to continue.

Mr Dobson urged the OFT to hold a swift and thorough investigation, and said that Labour had set up a monitoring unit to make regular checks on petrol prices. He called on John Wakeham, energy secretary, to restrain the oil companies, contrasting the lack of action by ministers with measures taken by the French government to impose a ceiling on petrol prices.

Kenneth Warren, a senior Conservative MP and chairman of the trade and industry select committee, speaking on the Radio 4 *Today* programme, said: "I do not see why our businesses and employment should suffer for the profits of the oil companies. In this country, we have a powerful force in the OFT. We ought to get them switched on to grab the oil companies by the throat and say: 'Look, stop this'."

The OFT said that an investigation was most unlikely so soon after one carried out by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in February which largely exonerated the industry.

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Some roads lead to under £2 a gallon

MOTORISTS wishing to steer clear of higher petrol prices would be well advised to go to the wilds of west Wales or to the fastness of east London where four star unleaded petrol costs just under £2 a gallon (Tim Jones writes).

While some dispensers of refined black gold, notably at the Mobil Fountain garage in Park Lane, charge £2.43.7p, prices in the rest of the country vary without apparent reason.

At the Premier Service Station, in Manchester, four star costs £2.08.7p and unleaded £1.96.4p, prices similar to those in Walthamstow, east London. Meanwhile, the Action chain of garages in west Wales were selling four star at just under £2 yesterday.

In Cardiff prices varied between £2.09 and £2.18. This compares with a national average at Tesco forecourts of £2.04.6 for four star and £1.91 for unleaded. In Birmingham, prices ranged from £2.17 to £2.04 for four star and £2.04 to £1.90 for unleaded.

In Aberdeen, four star cost £2.17 and unleaded £2.04. On Skye, prices were £2.21 and £2.07 respectively and in Shetland £2.23.6 and £2.13. In Glasgow, prices were £2.20 and £2.10 for four star and unleaded compared to £2.17 and £2.04 in Edinburgh.

JAMES GRAY

Ernest Saunders eating lunch near the court yesterday

Guinness jury has first night in hotel

By Paul Wilkinson

THE jury in the Guinness trial spent last night in an hotel after retiring late in the afternoon to consider its verdict.

Mr Justice Henry, the judge, concluded the fifth day of his summing up by telling the jury: "The overriding issue is whether the prosecution has satisfied you as to the dishonesty of these four defendants who are all men of previous good character."

Ernest Saunders, former chairman of Guinness, Gerald Ronson, head of the Heron Group, Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, a financier, have all denied a series of charges variously alleging theft, false accounting and breach of the Companies Act during Guinness's takeover of the Distillers drinks group in 1986. It was alleged that they participated in establishing an illegal share support operation to boost the Guinness price and ensure success in the brewing group's takeover battle with the Argyll supermarket chain.

The judge told the jury: "I hope I have been even-handed because that was my intention. I hope that is the way it seems to you, if you do not agree you can make any correction necessary."

Mr Justice Henry said the jury would not be asked to reach verdicts on two of the 22 counts on the indictment. He said that at some future point he would accept majority verdicts but that stage had not yet been reached.

Strikes delay North Sea safety work

By Kerry Gill

CHEVRON has postponed a £20 million programme to fit underwater emergency safety valves in its North Sea Ninian field, the third largest in the UK sector, because of the recent strikes by oil workers.

The work, made essential after the Piper Alpha disaster in 1988, should have been completed before the end of next month but now cannot be carried out until next spring because of deteriorating weather.

Greg Matiuk, general manager of Chevron UK, said the risk of disruption by striking contract workers threatened to put the safety of everyone on the platforms at risk. He said he had every reason to believe the 24-hour stoppages would continue and could be escalated at any moment to last up to 48 hours at a time.

Chevron's three platforms in the field have been among North Sea installations affected by the five 24-hour strikes called by the unofficial offshore industry liaison committee in the past two weeks. The strikers are fighting for union recognition offshore, as well as improved safety and working conditions.

The North Sea oil industry is spending £750 million on safety requirements this year. It is accepted that the explosions and fires that led to the death of 167 men on Piper Alpha were made worse by the lack of similar emergency valves, allowing hydrocarbons to escape and ignite. Topside safety valves have to be fitted by December 31, although Chevron has completed this work. There is no similar timescale for the underwater valves to be fitted but all companies are attempting to install them quickly.

BP is also to postpone work on an emergency shut-down valve on the Ninian pipeline and Shell, too, indicated that it could delay similar work on its platforms. A Shell spokesman said his company hoped to complete all maintenance and safety work by the end of the year.

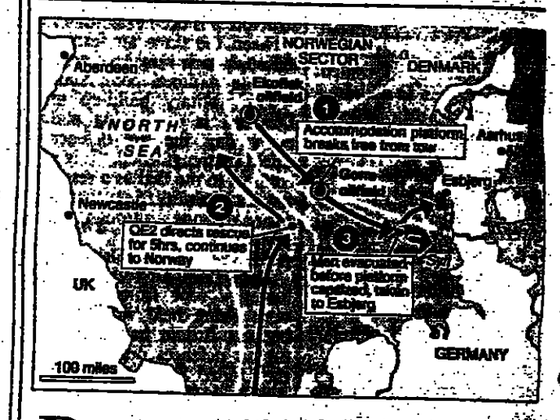
He added: "Obviously, however, if the unofficial action continues indefinitely and has an accumulative effect in delaying progress of such works, the timetable may be threatened. Shell Expro is keeping the situation under review."

David Odling, chairman-designate of the Offshore Contractors' Council, said his organisation had repeatedly warned that the strikes would affect safety work. "The fact that we have been proved right is of no satisfaction to us. Given the increasing lack of support for these strikes, it is clear the irresponsible actions of a small minority are affecting initiatives designed to ensure a safer working environment for all offshore workers. It is perverse in the extreme," he said.

Ronald McDonald, chairman of the liaison committee, accused Chevron of throwing up a smokescreen in order to carry on production. "They are crying crocodile tears. Their real reason for not fitting valves is 400,000 barrels of oil a day," he said. Mr McDonald added that the workforce that would have been engaged on fitting the valves were not to be called out on strike.

● Legal action by Shell, who obtained a court order removing men sitting in on its platforms and flotels in the Brent field, was adjourned until tomorrow.

Shell and the liaison committee, which plans to oppose the action, asked for more time to prepare their cases. The hearing will be held at the Court of Session in Edinburgh.



Rescued rig men's bravery praised

By Christopher Follett and Robin Young

ALL 49 oil workers rescued from the accommodation rig West Gamma, which capsized in the North Sea in early yesterday arrived safely in the Danish port of Esbjerg later in the day. Danish coastguards said that the men, 46 Norwegians, two Dutch and a Briton, had survived because of "sheer professionalism and brave fighting spirit".

The West Gamma rig broke loose from a tow on Monday while being moved from the Norwegian Ekofisk field to the B11 gas pumping station in the West German sector of the North Sea. Winds of up to 90 mph tore away part of its helicopter deck, making it impossible to airlift the men to safety.

At first it was thought that the men were in little danger as West Gamma was blown south-eastwards across the Danish Gorm oilfield. The liner QE2, en route from Southampton to Norway with 1,750 passengers, changed course to offer help. The QE2 has a helipad, but a plan to winch the men from the platform to the liner was abandoned on Monday evening when they said that they preferred to stay on the platform, then 130 miles off Esbjerg, and wait for the winds to drop. The liner left after five hours.

At about 3am yesterday, conditions worsened and the West Gamma started shipping a lot of water. The commander ordered the men into the sea, wearing lifebelts and roped together in groups to make it easier for them to be found in the 30 ft waves, and the platform capsized at 3.09am, 47 nautical miles west off the island of Sylt off the Danish-German border.

In pitch darkness and a fierce gale, six Danish and Norwegian rescue vessels put out lifeboats to save the men in the water, but it was almost two hours before all 49 were aboard ships.

Sven Voxtort, of the Danish coastguard rescue centre, in Aarhus, Jutland, said: "It was only because of the professionalism and brave fighting spirit of all those involved that it was possible to bring everyone to safety."

The Briton on the £30 million, Norwegian-owned platform was Michael Malaure, aged 61, a resident of Norway.

Proposals on privacy criticised

Proposals to create criminal offences that would curb invasions of privacy by the press have been strongly criticized by the Newspaper Society, the association of publishers of regional and local newspapers (Frances Gibb writes).

In a submission to the Home Office, the society says that proposals from the Calcutt committee on privacy could "impede reputable papers in their duty to enquire and inform".

New army chief

Lieutenant-General John Wilsey, Chief of Staff, HQ UK Land Forces since 1988, is to be the army's new commanding officer in Northern Ireland. He succeeds Lieutenant-General Sir John Waters. Lt-Gen Wilsey, who is 51, will be in command of 10,000 regular soldiers and 6,000 Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers. He was mentioned in despatches in 1976 and in 1981.

Abattoir reform

Proposals to bring British slaughterhouses into line with European Community standards from January 1 were announced by the agriculture ministry yesterday. Veterinary inspection of animals before slaughter will be introduced, and slaughterhouses will have to pay for fresh meat to be tested for residues of veterinary drugs. The changes may cost the industry £2.4 million next year.

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION

From abstract to madcap, science jamboree retains its lure

SWANSEA this week is the host to a peculiarly British institution, a week-long jamboree of science in which ordinary citizens mingle with professional scientists and emerge, with luck, as the informed citizenry that a high-tech society needs (Nigel Hawkes writes).

That, at least, is the theory behind the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which celebrates its 151st annual meeting here this week. Often written off as a Victorian relic, no longer relevant to the future of Britain, the BA mysteriously continues to flourish, attracting outstanding scientists and a growing audience of lay people.

The organiser of this year's meeting, Connie Martin, is "absolutely delighted" that a record 2,500 people have registered to attend. A further 2,000 are expected to come in from the local area for the odd day. They will be able to listen to 300 lectures, some brilliant, some strange, and some, it has to be admitted, slightly mad. In many lecture halls it has been standing room only.

The choice is catholic, ranging from off-beat topics such as "Is God left-handed?" — a lecture in the chemistry section of the programme — to an account of deforestation and industrial pollution in the Middle Ages. Later in the week, a geologist from Switzerland is answering the perplexing question "Is Gaia Endothermic?" while a Japanese professor will discuss the impact of Western science on 17th century China.

At the Hands On science exhibition, children can confront some real scientific principles in the form of games — balancing a beachball on a current of air, or producing perspective drawings with a device invented by Leonardo.

Once scientists used association meetings to report original research results. James Joule, the scientist who took a thermometer on his honeymoon and used it to measure the difference in temperature between the top and bottom of a waterfall, chose a BA meeting to announce his discovery of the value of the mechanical equivalent of heat. Sir Henry Bessemer announced his steelmaking process at a BA meeting in 1856 and Sir Oliver Lodge demonstrated wireless transmission in 1894.

In 1860, the year after the publication of *The Origin of Species*, there was the legendary clash at the Oxford meeting of the association between Darwin's defender, T. H. Huxley, and the Bishop of Oxford, Samuel Wilberforce. Few arguments this week will have the resonance of that debate, when scientific theory collided with religious certainty and emerged the winner.

Today, scientists save their newest work for the professional journals or for specialist meetings but those who believe, with their president, Sir Claus Moser, that "few things are more important than the search for and the dissemination of knowledge", dig out some interesting facts and figures for the association.

The atmosphere at a BA meeting is confusing, but cheerful. The audience ranges from those who have been coming for over half a century to schoolchildren. Many sessions take place at the same time, involving difficult decisions about whether to plunge into physics, chemistry, geology, or another of the 16 sections which each organise their own programmes.

The 1980s were not especially happy years for science, with many complaints about declining budgets and standards, but the BA meeting has never been a glum event. The lecturers may declare that intellectual life as we knew it is no longer possible, but do so in a cheerful manner and then repair to South Wales's best fish and chip shop in The Mumbles, as they did after Sir Claus Moser's presidential address on Monday. The scientists seldom stay all week unless they are office holders. The permanent cast are the audience, people who enjoy getting to grips with the difficult concepts of modern science and do not mind the rigours of student accommodation.

The association's credo is that science is too important, and too interesting, to be left to the scientists. It is a survival from a better world, where the educated man could expect to be conversant with the whole of knowledge. As science has become professionalised, the BA has defiantly retained its amateur status.

Its message, too, seems to have been remarkably consistent. The prime mover in its foundation was David Brewster, editor of the *Edinburgh Journal*, who declared that triumph in the Napoleonic wars had blinded Britain to the achievements of her philosophers, while "her scientific institutions had been discouraged and even abolished". There is more than an echo of that cry from many quarters here this week.

Sunbathers warned of rise in fatal skin cancer

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A FATAL form of skin cancer caused by over-exposure to sunlight is increasing rapidly in Britain, and damage to the ozone layer might lead to a further big increase in the number of victims, a leading dermatologist said yesterday.

About 3,500 cases of malignant melanoma and some 800 deaths a year from the disease are now being recorded in Britain, an 80 per cent increase on the rates of ten years ago, Rona MacKie, professor of dermatology at Glasgow university, said.

The condition is increasing more quickly than any other malignancy, apart from lung cancer, and is affecting more young people than before, including women in their twenties and thirties. Women are twice as likely as men to contract the disease, presumably because of their liking for sunbathing, Professor MacKie said.

Short periods of intensive sun exposure are a key factor in the development of the disease. "This is exactly the type of sun exposure encountered on a Mediterranean holiday by an individual who has normally an indoor job and unacclimatised white skin," Professor MacKie said. The risks were not confined to foreign holidays, however. "In the sort of heatwave we have had recently, the back garden can be as dangerous as the beach in Majorca."

The rise of skin cancer in Britain is part of a worldwide trend. Half the population of Australia has a mild form of the disease by the age of 40, and in America, 30 per cent of all malignancies are cancers of the skin. An estimated 27,000 new cases of malignant melanoma and 6,000 deaths from it occurred in America last year. The less serious forms of the disease, squamous cell carcinomas and basal cell carcinomas, are also increasing rapidly, but can be cured by early treatment, including simple surgery. Malignant melanoma, however, is incurable once established.

Professor MacKie said that so far there was no evidence to link the depletion of the ozone with the rise in all three forms. "What is extremely worrying is the possibility that if the ozone layer continues to be damaged and allows an ever-greater proportion of ultraviolet radiation from the sun to reach the Earth's surface, the already predicted increase in skin cancer will accelerate and the numbers affected will rise even more sharply."

The impact was difficult to forecast, but experts had calculated that a 10 per cent depletion in the ozone layer would result in a 20 per cent increase in malignant melanoma, and bigger rises in less serious types of skin cancer. "In fact, it is highly likely that the loss of ozone will be more than 10 per cent," Professor Mackie said.

It was vital to set up a network of ozone monitoring stations to record levels over densely populated regions. This should be supported by a similar network to measure the ultraviolet radiation reaching the Earth's surface.

Those most at risk are fair-skinned, fair-haired or red-haired people with blue eyes, who do not tan easily and who readily get sunburn. Individuals with a large number of moles and a tendency to freckle, are also vulnerable.

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Salmonella bacteria 'may be a lifesaver'

SALMONELLA, the bane of the food industry and scourge of the health department, has emerged as a potential lifesaver (Thomson Prentice writes).

Scientists have discovered that the bacterium seems to be a perfect vehicle for new vaccines against such diseases as malaria, tetanus, typhoid and possibly Aids, although the work is still at an early stage. Researchers at Cambridge University and at the Wellcome pharmaceutical company, together with doctors in the United States, have produced experimental versions of some of the vaccines, now being tested.

More than 2,000 different types of salmonella exist, causing a wide range of diseases. The bacteria have been used for some time in vaccines against typhoid fever and salmonellosis in animals.

The new compounds consist of live but harmless salmonella bacteria and genetically engineered extracts from other infectious organisms. The combination appears to be highly efficient in giving protection against specific diseases, Carlos Hormaeche, one of the researchers, said yesterday.

Dr Hormaeche, of the microbiology and parasitology unit at Cambridge University, said: "We are very excited. This is a totally unexpected spin-off from our main work." Dr Hormaeche said that he and Gordon Dougan, a Wellcome scientist carrying out much of the work, believed the new vaccines had enormous potential.

The value of the new approach was that the experimental vaccines could induce immunity in human cells, which could then kill the infecting organisms, he said. Tests have so far shown the vaccines to be effective against tetanus, influenza and malaria. The objective is to produce oral vaccines, which would be cheaper and safer than injectable versions.

Water babies: Jenny Heath, aged eight, and James Lloyd-Jones, aged seven, taking part in Science 90s' water detectives scheme yesterday. The children were monitoring pollution and aqueous life in a stream near Swansea University

Pollution damage to trees doubted

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A SURVEY of the health of trees across Britain shows no evidence that they are being damaged by air pollution outside industrial areas, John Innes of the Forestry Commission told the association yesterday.

The survey, involving 350 plots containing more than 8,400 trees that are visited annually by forest surveyors, was prompted by fears that widespread air pollution threatened forests. Deterioration of West German forests has been attributed to acid rain and similar damage has been detected in many parts of continental Europe.

Sitka spruce, Norway spruce, Scots pine, oak and beech were examined in the survey. Density of the tree's crown is used to assess its health. Many British trees have thin crowns, but there was no evidence in the three years of the survey that their condition worsened, or that thin crowns are the result of pollution rather than rainfall or the lack of it, frost and insect attack.

Of the species examined, no clear trend was observed for four, while beech have improved each year. Crown condition varies so much from year to year that surveys will have to be conducted for many years before a clear trend can be discerned. Direct comparisons are impossible between British figures and other countries, as assessment methods vary. It is not known if British trees have always suffered from thinning on top. The commission also examines needle or leaf discolouration, changes in the shape of the crown or the branches, dieback of branches, and evidence of flowering or cone production. These data were collected for the first time last year, so there is not yet any basis for comparison.

When the survey results are mapped and compared with maps of patterns of air pollution, no clear correlations emerge. Oak, beech and Scots pine are healthiest in the south and east, where air pollution is highest. The commission's results were supported by further experiments reported yesterday by Andrew McLeod of the National Power technology and environmental centre at Leatherhead in Surrey. Using fumigation pipes, plants have been subjected to measured levels of sulphur dioxide and ozone, two pollutants, and compared with plants growing in clean air.

Results over the past ten years show that unless pollution is increased well above that common in urban areas, plants are undamaged and the yield may be improved if the presence of the sulphur dioxide kills of infecting fungi.

Stress lingered for Lockerbie police

POLICE officers involved in the aftermath of the Lockerbie disaster were unprepared for the experience and many suffered both psychologically and physically, the British Association was told yesterday (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Margaret Mitchell, of the Department of Psychology at the University of Glasgow, said that new cases of post-traumatic stress syndrome were still appearing among police, ambulance and fire officers involved in clearing up after the bombing.

The effects of the disaster were shown in greatly increased sickness sick leave among police officers. Short-term absences increased by 60 per cent, and long-term absences by 22 per cent. Some officers could not come to terms with the disaster, even for some time afterwards. One video-recorded every television news item or documentary about Lockerbie and played them repeatedly in an attempt to wring some meaning from the awful event.

Miss Mitchell said that those involved in disasters need to try to explain the traumatic events to themselves, and can be helped greatly by debriefing after the event by senior officers. To avoid psychological ill-health, she recommended two procedures: the regular dissemination of information during the operation, and extensive debriefing.

One particular difficulty for police officers was that they were accustomed to being able to use their own initiative, but in the Lockerbie operation they were unable to. This contributed to a feeling of loss of control combined with the horror of the disaster to cause psychological disturbance.

Fat, smoky old Uncle Norman, testament to bad living

UNCLE Norman, aged 94, polished off the last of his fried egg, bacon, sausage and chips, lit his 60th cigarette of the day, and thumbed his nose at health education yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

Fat and florid, fond of beer and allergic to exercise, Uncle Norman was produced as an example of how the stereotyped candidate for heart disease, as viewed by the medical establishment, can be contradicted in real life.

According to Charlie Davison, a Bristol university researcher, health educators are guilty of a form of worthy dishonesty, especially in the field of heart disease prevention. "The broadcasting of propaganda based on half-truth, simplification and distortion is a legitimate use of public funds, so long as the goal is the good of the community," Dr Davison, research fellow in medical anthropology, said. The educators took the view that individuals could not or would not change their habits unless they were encouraged to expect a reward. Such approaches ran the risk of producing mass scepticism, he said. "Health education in Britain has never come to terms with the complex relationship between the individual and the collective in the field of health and illness."

Dr Davison has conducted a survey of public perceptions of health, illness and the avoidance of heart disease. The results suggest that while much health education advice on fatty foods, smoking, obesity and exercise is heeded, many people regard luck, fate and destiny as equally relevant.

Dr Davison summed this up in a paper, presented to the association, entitled "Uncle Norman and the last person." The public recognise cases of people who should be candidates for heart disease, but live to a healthy old age, as in "my Uncle Norman smoked 80 a day and lived till 94," Dr Davison said. Similarly, heart victims who seem to be the very opposite of the classic candidate often have heart attacks, as in "he was the last person you'd expect to have a coronary".

Dr Davison said that it had become common currency that many deaths attributed to heart disease were preventable. "The core of the notion is that in many cases, damage to the circulatory system is caused by identifiable behaviours which theoretically could be modified or eliminated. Turning this theory into practice has been the task of a plethora of public and private bodies whose activities have encompassed fund-raising, research, political and professional lobbying, and direct public education."

Dr Davison questioned their success and doubted the value of an approach which tried to instill the idea that heart disease is strongly linked to behaviours and conditions which could be changed by the triumph of self-control over self-indulgence. The strong implication was that much heart disease was attributable either to ignorance or to a lack of self-discipline. This led to the widespread belief among the health-conscious that many heart disease sufferers brought it upon themselves.

"However, it should be noted that the sudden heart stoppage is something of a preferred form of death. Dropping dead from a heart attack is widely seen as a quick, natural and relatively painless death, in comparison with cancers, respiratory disorders and traumatic accidents, and many profess to desire that end, given the choice," Dr Davison said. "We have even detected evidence of a jocular attitude among some men in the more thrusting end of the business community that sees a heart attack as something of a status symbol and proof that success has been earned by hard work."

The health education approach that certain types of individuals are heart disease candidates was undermined by the survey results showing that almost any type of person could be a candidate. "There are risks attached to the lives of rich, high-flying executives and to those of impecunious manual labourers. A sedentary life is seen as risky, but so is a life of over-strenuous exercise.

"A strong element of the public image of heart disease, and of the sudden fatal heart attack in particular, is that it is a random killer," Dr Davison said. "Even though most of our informants have professed the opinion that heart disease is to some extent preventable or postponable, the idea that it could happen to anyone, at any time, is omnipresent."

Civic pride contrasts with local gloom in a tale of two towns

*A city once dubbed the Queen of the Midlands and a small port in the North-East represent the best and the worst in British urban life if a magazine survey is to be believed. **Lin Jenkins** visited Nottingham and **Peter Davenport** went to Blyth to discover how they differed.*

Nottingham's links with the Robin Hood legend help to boost tourism

ARCHERY sets were selling faster than the flight of Robin Hood's arrows yesterday at the tourist centre that celebrates the city's most famous lawbreaker.

Paul Morris, aged seven, hovered briefly over a stack of sword and shield sets before plumping for the bows and arrows. Like scores of other youngsters he had just visited the Robin Hood "living experience" and was well versed in his home city's medieval traditions.

Judging by Nottingham's top position in a survey to find the best cities to live in conducted for *Moneywise* magazine, it could be expected that outlaws stealing from the rich would no longer be a big problem.

Nottingham, though, polled at seventeenth in terms of crime in the survey of 63 cities. Det Chief Supt John Hopley, head of Nottingham CID, was a little dubious as to whether people's perceptions bore much relation to the statistics he provides for the Home Office. "As many people know we actually have a high incidence of crime in the city."

Civic dignitaries were, however, more enthusiastic and less surprised at the result. Chris Gibson, the Lord Mayor, said: "Coming out as the best place to live is great news, but it only confirms what people in the city have known for a long time."

Although founded on industry and technical achievement, Nottingham was established as the first garden city in the 18th century around the lace industry, earning the nickname Queen of the Midlands.

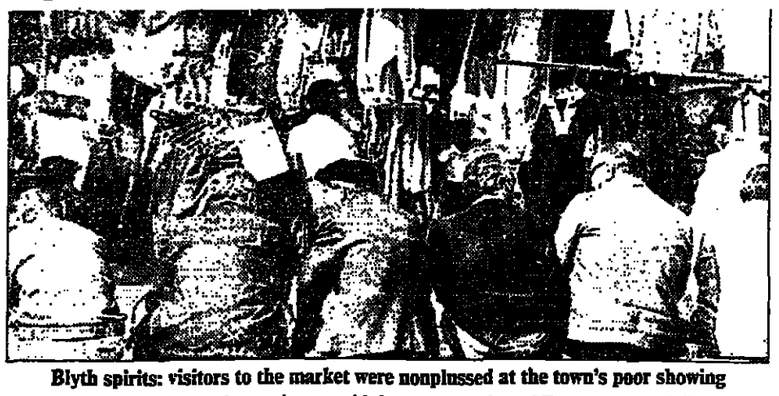
The city has extensive parkland and modern redevelopment has been sympathetic to its past.

"It's a lovely city," said Paul's mother Caroline Morris. "There are so many things to do and we have none of the difficulties of other cities with drugs, high unemployment and people on the streets. But it's the people who really make it, they are so friendly."

Peter Smithers, an insurance broker aged 28, has a more light hearted explanation. "It's all the women," he explained. "They outnumber men by three to two so there are plenty to choose from, but on a more serious level they probably help make it a nicer more friendly and safer city than many others."

Nottingham earned its top place in a survey which took into account the cost of living based on the cost of meat, swimming pool entrance fees, a gallon of petrol, all-day car parking charges, rents and the cost of a one-mile taxi journey. Also calculated were rankings on litter, health care, crime, housing and education.

Bob White, the tourism officer, though, puts the city's success down to its unique character. "Unlike other cities we have a very strong identity. People who live here are proud of it and they work hard to ensure it's great for others."



Blyth spirits: visitors to the market were nonplussed at the town's poor showing

In Blyth in Northumberland yesterday there were plenty of bargains among the stalls in the market square. Civic pride, however, was a commodity that was harder to find.

While the survey had put the port at the bottom of the list, anyone expecting an outpouring of local indignation would have been disappointed. In an admittedly unscientific sample of six residents shopping in the morning sunshine, no one could be found with a good word to say for the town.

Carl Wilson, aged 38, has been driving his taxi around the town for seven years. "I work here but I wouldn't live here. It's just got nothing going for it." Annette Claridge, out shopping with her two young daughters, said she was not surprised at Blyth's lowly ranking. "There is vandalism and litter everywhere you walk and there are shops with their windows broken."

Blyth has a population of 35,000. Once a centre for coalmining and shipbuilding its last pit closed five years ago and there have been no shipyards for over 20 years. Council officials yesterday condemned the survey as "frivolous" and were anxious to point out that Blyth was a town in transition, moving from an old, heavy industrial centre to a modern community based on towards a diverse economy which includes engineering, electronics, pharmaceuticals and clothing. Burberry's employ 700 at its manufacturing plant on the local Kitty Brewster industrial estate.

Unemployment is down to less than 10 per cent although the figure masks problem areas where it remains worryingly higher.

A £10 million shopping centre is under construction and there are plans to redevelop the derelict quayside. The port remains busy exporting coal and importing paper.

Michael Dungworth, leader of the Labour council said the survey was grossly unfair in its findings and in the way it was assembled. "What did they do — interview 12 people on a wet Sunday in the middle of Blyth? I have every confidence that it is a good place to live and work."

Perhaps the person with the least enviable job yesterday was Heather Latimer who is Blyth Valley's public relations officer. At least, she said, the survey had put the town on the map.

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Enquiry into crime squad 'not blocked by police'

By Craig Seton

THE Police Complaints Authority yesterday ruled out the possibility that former members of the West Midlands serious crime squad had obstructed the investigation into claims that officers of the elite unit had fabricated evidence. But the authorities admitted that one year after the £1 million enquiry began six important files and seven police pocket-books were still missing.

It also revealed that documents were believed to be missing from the headquarters of the squad at a Birmingham police station. This had not been secured on behalf of the investigation team until several days after Mr Geoffrey Dear, the former West Midlands chief constable, disbanded the unit last August and ordered an urgent investigation into its affairs.

Roland Moyle, the authority's deputy chairman, said at a Birmingham press conference yesterday that the missing papers, including documents from files that had been recovered, were bound to hamper the progress of the investigation by Donald Shaw, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, which the authority is supervising.

Mr Moyle confirmed that so far no former members of the squad had been suspended and no prosecutions had been launched. He said that several detectives against whom allegations had been made had not been interviewed by the enquiry team because they were on sick leave as a result of stress.

The authority also confirmed that most allegations against the squad involved less than ten of a hard-core of its former officers.

Mr Moyle said: "We are not in a position to say that our enquiry has been deliberately frustrated. There is no evidence of any mass attempt to frustrate the investigation by removing files. Officers going on sick leave is part of the normal experience of an investigation and there is no evidence at all of anybody 'swinging the lead' in order to avoid the consequences of their actions."

The serious crime squad was disbanded by Mr Dear after the collapse of several important criminal trials following allegations that detectives had fabricated statements by suspects. Mr Dear, now inspector of constabulary for the Midlands, called in Mr Shaw to investigate the squad's activities between 1986 and 1989 during which time his officers made 754 arrests. Evidence in those cases is now being reexamined.

Since the enquiry began 85 people, 37 of them in prison, have made formal complaints against the squad. Fifty-six detectives who belonged to the unit have now had more than 530 individual allegations made against them. Of the 669 crime squad files that are being investigated, 663 have been recovered. The six that are still missing contain prosecution papers in criminal cases and include custody records and original police interview notes. Three of the files relate to current complaints against squad members.

Jeff Crawford, the Police Complaints Authority officer in day to day supervision of the West Yorkshire investigation, said yesterday that two reports had been completed and one was with the Drector of Public Prosecutions.

The enquiry is expected to be completed by the end of this year or early next year when reports will be submitted to the DPP for a decision.

Debut today for Escort successor

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

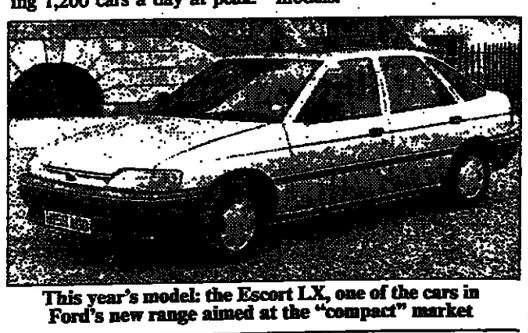
FORD unveils its most important weapon in the fight to win back sales today with the launch of a successor to the Escort.

The Escort, and the Orion saloon version, are vital to Ford's ability to remain Britain's largest car manufacturer at a time when the company has been selling cars at big discounts to lure customers in a declining market. The car is also essential to the company's British manufacturing base, because Ford has transferred production of the Sierra mid-range model from Dagenham, Essex, to Belgium.

More than £600 million has been invested at Halewood, Merseyside, as a main source for the Escort and Orion, which account for 41 per cent of Ford sales in Britain. The 9,000 workforce will be making 1,200 cars a day at peak. The engines are made at Bridgend, Glamorgan, and at Dagenham. Ford spent £1 billion on development, the largest sum it has invested in one model range. It employed 2,500 designers and engineers in Britain and Germany.

Ford will be spending £3 billion annually on components with 1,200 suppliers around Europe to supply Halewood. Factories at Saarlouis, West Germany, and Valencia, in Spain, will also produce the range.

The Escort and Orion are aimed at the growing market for "compact" cars, which represent about a third of British sales. Ford is predicting that the market for smaller cars will continue to increase as worries over fuel supplies persuade drivers to switch to smaller, more fuel-efficient models.



This year's model: the Escort LX, one of the cars in Ford's new range aimed at the "compact" market

Conservation 'is its own worst enemy'

By Ruth Gledhill

CONSERVATION has been its own worst enemy for the past six decades, an international animal welfare and environment conference was told yesterday.

Ian Swingland, director of the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology, said that in the name of conservation people have been separated from resources deemed important by governments, international organisations and experts. Dr Swingland said that had stimulated the destruction of the environment, animals and species. It had also led to an increase in poaching, pet dealing and mineral extraction and the degradation of planners and the leisure industry.

"When people design a national park, particularly in the tropics, it has been a characteristic that they chuck local people out. Then they are surprised when poaching begins and the whole thing starts falling apart. Unless we bring people back in, and give back to them what has been taken away, we will never be successful in conservation."

The three-day conference at Oxford, organised by the RSPCA, is designed to bring experts on animal welfare and the environment together under one roof. Dr Swingland said: "They have been divorced for far too long, yet the information we need in order to present our arguments is identical."

Joan Felthouse, chairman of the RSPCA council, said that some people in the animal welfare movement regarded environmentalists as grand strategists, while some environmentalists still used terms such as "bunny huggers" for those in the animal welfare world.

The most radical suggestion at the conference came from Richard Ryder, vice-chairman of the RSPCA council, who called for a "green army" to be mobilised in peacetime to create an "environmental commando force".

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Maqbool Fida Husain sketching at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, yesterday for a painting in aid of its Nehru Gallery Appeal

Painting to raise funds for gallery

By Ray Clancy

ONE of India's most popular contemporary artists is working at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London on a painting to raise funds for its £2.2 million Nehru Gallery appeal.

Maqbool Fida Husain, aged 75, who is known for turning up at parties unexpectedly, forgetting appointments and walking barefooted into five-star hotels, is on a short visit to Britain and yesterday was at the museum making sketches for his painting.

A striking Bohemian figure, with white hair and beard, he began his career as a cinema hoarding painter, but now his work is shown at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Tate Gallery, London.

Wearing traditional Indian robes, he spent the day sketching in the museum's plaster cast courts, which house many beautiful statues dating from the 1860s to the 1930s.

Prints will be taken from the painting that he produces and will be sold in aid of the gallery, which will house a permanent exhibition of the museum's Indian collection and initiate an educational programme.

The gallery, named after Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian statesman, is to be opened by the Queen in November.

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Use of hotel rooms for homeless can be cut, councils told

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IF LOCAL authorities managed their housing better the number of temporary rooms, properties and bed and breakfast hotels used to help the homeless could be cut, according to a report out today.

It says the use of bed and breakfast properties to shelter the homeless is unacceptably high and rebukes some councils for being too slow in allocating tenants to properties let by housing associations. It also wants more information on empty government properties to establish if they could be made available to local authorities to house the homeless, of which there were estimated to be more than 300,000 in England last year.

The National Audit Office report says that between 1982 and last year the number of families put in temporary rooms or property increased fourfold, but many of them were sheltered in "unsatisfactory and expensive" bed and breakfast hotels. Paying for bed and breakfast accommodation cost an estimated £143 million in 1987 to 1988, and the report says that bed and breakfast charges increased by 245 per cent between 1984 and 1987, ten times greater than the rise in the retail price index. However, only 10 per cent of local authorities use bed and breakfast hotels extensively to help the homeless.

"The use of bed and breakfast properties has been widely condemned on the grounds that they usually offer the lowest standards at the highest costs", it adds.

The report by John Bourn, the comptroller and auditor general, says that a government attempt to tackle homelessness and cut down on the use of bed and breakfast hotels by providing 15,000 extra lettings would not be successful unless additional funds were provided. It says the government should spend money on the worst affected areas, calls on local authorities to manage their existing housing stock better and urges better links between housing associations and councils.

The report adds that the extent of homelessness in England is difficult to establish as there are no reliable estimates of the number of people sleeping rough on the streets of London and other large cities. The report says that the reasons why people become homeless have changed little in recent years.

The environment department recognises that figures produced by local authorities in April last year showing there were 14,900 public sector residential properties lying empty in their areas were an underestimate.

Treasury figures showed that during this year and last 35,100 residential properties, including 16,500 belonging to local health authorities, were lying empty. Although some were vacant for operational reasons and others have been acquired for demolition, the report says lack of information makes it difficult to work out to what extent empty government property could be made available for the homeless. "Clearly not all empty government property would be suitable for housing the homeless because of security and location," it adds.

Homelessness. Report by the comptroller and auditor general, National Audit Office (Stationery Office £6 10)

JULIAN HERBERT

Crime watch: PC Nick Walker takes to two wheels on one of Leighton Buzzard police station's mountain bikes

PCs' bikes catch up with the criminal

By ROBIN YOUNG

ONE of the first police patrols to use modern mountain bicycles has been established in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. The patrol has already proved its worth after an officer riding one of the sturdy bicycles arrested three young men trying to steal a car.

The introduction of the two mountain bicycles, provided by Cycles Peugeot, was the idea of PC Nick Walker. He submitted a report urging their use, not knowing that they had been adopted elsewhere. He has since learnt that the bikes were so successful in Seattle, in America, that people waited in cars with CB radios outside police stations to broadcast warnings to the criminal fraternity when the bicycles went on patrol.

The Bedfordshire arrests were made on the first night of the bicycle patrol. "A foot officer would not have been fast enough to catch them, and if they had heard a police car coming they would have gone into hiding," PC Walker said. "The bikes have the advantages of being quiet but fast."

He added: "The bikes help us cover the patch more quickly and efficiently, and make it seem there are more police about. They can play a major part in cutting crime."

Move to drop poll tax for prisoners

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PRISONERS would be exempt from paying poll tax under government proposals aimed at closing a loophole which allowed some councils to charge inmates whose homes were unoccupied.

Ministers had always intended that prisoners should pay nothing, but about 50 local authorities, in an attempt to boost community charge income, have treated single prisoners' homes as second properties. Westminster and Haringey councils in London even proposed charging such prisoners at double the normal rate.

It emerged yesterday that the government, as part of its first review of the implementation of the tax, had told councils that prisoners should be exempt from the charge. Statutory regulations enshrining the principle will be passed later this year.

Last November, after strong protests from penal reformers and prisoner rights groups, the government gave councils discretion to waive the standard charge in respect of prisoners who left homes unoccupied on entering jail. But several authorities decided not to do so.

The government's latest move was welcomed yesterday by penal reformers who described it as a victory for common sense. Paul Cavadino, senior press officer of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said: "Ministers have accepted that prisoners should be exempted for the simple and obvious reason that such people have no income and are therefore in no position to pay the charge.

"Without this change many inmates would have fallen into serious debts which, on their release, would have increased the likelihood of them re-offending".

The association says that "scores" of prisoners had faced poll tax charges, with some inmates affected in all 120 prisons in England and Wales. Both unconvicted and sentenced inmates would have been liable to the tax.

Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said many single prisoners would have lost their homes had councils been allowed to treat them as second properties.

● Judgment was reserved yesterday in the High Court yesterday on the challenge by Chris Patten, environment secretary, to Haringey council's decision to set a new poll tax charge of £536 instead of a capped £508. The judges hope to give their ruling on Friday.

Mr Patten wants the court to quash as unlawful the north London council's decision to reset the charge. The Labour-controlled authority says it is necessary because of a lower collection rate than expected.

Haringey originally set a charge of £572 per head, the highest in Britain.

India plays down artillery duel risk on Kashmir border

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA claimed yesterday that artillery battles with Pakistani troops were continuing across the Kashmir border for the third consecutive day. V. P. Singh, the prime minister, said Pakistan was shelling border posts and India was responding with "appropriate fire".

He told parliament that fighting was now confined to one area of the meandering border, most of which cuts through mountains and forests. Islamabad and Delhi were in direct contact and there was no cause for "undue concern". India was fully capable of dealing with any eventuality.

Mr Singh, although expressing worry about the heaviest fighting, that supposedly took place on Monday, sought to play down the significance of the exchanges. "We trust that these localised incidents will be contained and the situation defused," he said. Mr Singh claimed that, during an earlier artillery clash, on August 12, India had demolished 12 Pakistani "structures" 300 yards from the border and had beaten back Pakistani troops. The action had conveyed the message to Pakistani forces that "they cannot take us by surprise" and that no foreigner could set foot on Indian soil.

The mood in India is far less belligerent over Kashmir than it is in Pakistan, where the military-backed caretaker government is under pressure to adopt hardline policies. Mr Singh, by contrast, has fended off recent political challenges and is able to resist playing the Kashmir card.

The opposite is true in Pakistan. Since Benazir Bhutto, the prime minister, was toppled on August 6 the armed forces have assumed complete control of Kashmir policy, without political restraint. There no longer appears to be any inclination to negotiate a mutual withdrawal of forces from the border, although Pakistan denies Indian claims that it is building up troop strengths.

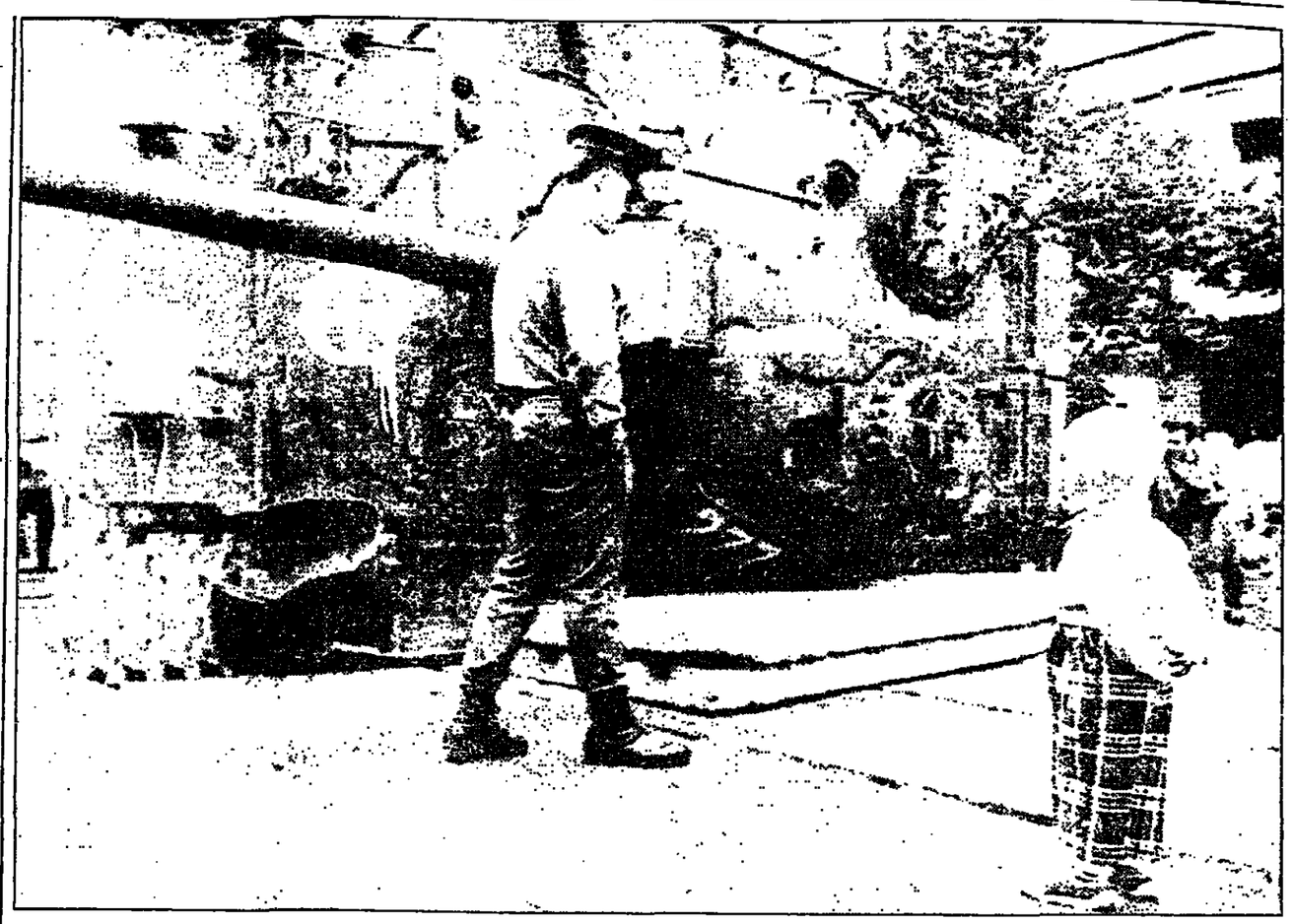
The government of the semi-autonomous region of "Azad" (free) Kashmir is also raising the political heat over Kashmir. It is headed by Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's party, making it the party's only important political base left intact. Because of its semi-independent status it survived pressure from the newly installed Islamabad government to dissolve itself and appoint an acting government pending fresh elections. All four Pakistani provinces are run by caretaker governments, with fresh elections due a few days after the National Assembly poll.

Mumtaz Rathore, elected in the early summer as prime minister of Azad Kashmir, is a longtime Bhutto loyalist who spent more than two years in jail during General Zia's military rule. He is now an important focus for the People's party's attempt at an electoral comeback. Since Miss Bhutto's dismissal he has proposed increasingly aggressive policies over Kashmir.

He advocates compulsory military training for all Kashmiri males, as well as for Indian Kashmiris living in refugee camps. He announced the formation of a Kashmiri national bank and said all other banks should leave. He is sending representatives to the United Nations to claim that his government is the only legitimate administration in Pakistani Kashmir. And he is writing to all heads of Commonwealth governments to seek political support.

His demands are designed to steal the poplitical initiative and score political points for the People's party. Now Miss Bhutto is out of government she, too, can afford to sound much more belligerent, elevating Kashmir in importance in the election campaign and heightening cross-border tensions with India.

● **KARACHI:** Pakistan has denied that 11 hijackers of the Soviet DU154 passenger plane, who surrendered here on Monday, were being extradited to the Soviet Union (Zahid Hussein writes). The hijackers, aged between 18 and 22, are being held by the Pakistan army.



A Czechoslovak child studies a T-55 tank overturned in Prague yesterday to mark the 22nd anniversary of the Warsaw Pact invasion that crushed the "Prague Spring" of 1968. The Soviet-made tank – donated by the Czechoslovak army – bears the logos of Solidarity, the trade union movement that spearheaded democratisation in Poland, and Civic Forum, President Havel's political movement that guided Czechoslovakia's peaceful democratic revolution late last year (AP reports from Prague). The tank will be left on the street until September 6. This is the first time Czechoslovakia has been able openly to commemorate the anniversary of the uprising without fear of police retaliation. On Monday, the eve of the invasion anniversary, Alexander Dubcek, the architect of the short-lived 1968 reforms, hailed the new reality of a free Czechoslovakia. "Truth has prevailed," the former Communist leader told state television. "The Sword of Damocles is not hanging over us any more." Mr Dubcek is now the Speaker of Czechoslovakia's first non-Communist parliament in 42 years. Just one year ago, helmeted riot police waded into thousands of protesters commemorating the Soviet-led invasion and those who had fought it. The demonstrators last year had been calling for democracy and the withdrawal of Soviet troops who stayed in Czechoslovakia after the 1968 invasion. Less than three months later even larger protests led to the resignation of Czechoslovakia's Communist government. Yesterday members of the "Jester Society" student group planned to swarm through Prague in a mock invasion.

Troops poised to halt Liberia war

From REUTER IN FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE

TROOPS of a 3,000-strong West African peacekeeping force boarded warships in Sierra Leone yesterday with orders to halt the eight-month civil war in neighbouring Liberia.

The soldiers from Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia planned to sail to the capital Monrovia later in the day, normally a voyage of about 24 hours.

Thousands of civilians have been killed in Liberia, in largely tribal fighting between President Doe's soldiers and two rebel groups, which are also fighting each other.

American helicopters, operating from warships offshore, evacuated 825 foreigners – including an Iraqi – from Monrovia at the weekend. Over the past two weeks they have evacuated nearly 1,500 foreigners.

The city's harbour is controlled by a small rebel group led by Prince Johnson, who favours foreign intervention in the conflict.

Diplomats said the loading of equipment in Freetown began on Monday afternoon and continued through the night. The peacekeeping force, formed under the auspices of the Economic Community of West African states, has been waiting for nearly two weeks to move into Liberia and impose a ceasefire.

President Doe, holed up with several hundred troops at his Executive Mansion in Monrovia, and Mr Johnson have accepted the intervention. But the rebel group of Charles Taylor, which controls most of Liberia, vehemently opposes any external interference.

Diplomats said there was now a serious risk that the peacekeeping force would end up fighting pitched battles against Mr Taylor's soldiers.

● **PAYNESVILLE:** Mr Taylor yesterday dismissed West African peace moves as a plot to thwart him. He also claimed that Mr Johnson was dead and was being impersonated.

He said Mr Johnson had been killed in an ambush and his body taken to a hospital mortuary. Western journalists who saw the body could not identify it because of a facial wound. Mr Taylor's group announced Mr Johnson's death last week, but he later appeared in public to deny it. *(AFP)*

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, and the South African foreign minister, R. F. "Pik" Botha, after meeting to discuss black violence yesterday. The two men, and Adriaan Vlok, the law and order minister, appealed to political leaders to strive for peace. Chief Buthelezi repeated his call for talks with Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president.

Serbs protest after rumour of Croat censure for police

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

SEVERAL thousand angry Serbs took to the streets of Knin in Dalmatia yesterday, threatening to take up arms again after rumours spread that three local policemen who sided with the Serbian insurgence during the turmoil in the town last week were to be suspended by the Croatian authorities.

The crowd dispersed after the chief of the local police, himself a Serb, assured them that the authorities in Zagreb, the capital of the Yugoslav republic, had pledged not to take disciplinary action.

In an atmosphere where rumours abound and where the Serbian newspapers are doing their utmost to stoke up the tension with stories of threats against the Serbs, the population is ready to believe that anything the Croatian authorities say is part of a campaign of psychological warfare against Serbia and its leader, Slobodan Milosevic.

Franjo Tudjman, the president of Croatia, has convened an extraordinary parliamentary session tomorrow. He is under pressure from radicals in his right-wing party to outlaw the Serbian Democratic Party, whose extreme elements are said to have engineered the insurrection in Croatia which threatened to spark civil war in Yugoslavia.

The deadline to hand back weapons stolen or distributed by local policemen has expired but armed Serbs are still roaming the countryside. Reports from neighbouring villages speak of Croatian inhabitants demanding arms in self-defence. Divisions between the Serbs and the Croats now extend to work places as well as public transport. Croatian buses refuse to stop in Serbian villages or carry Serbian passengers and vice-versa.

Police in the Knin region remain adamant in refusing to wear the new uniforms ordered by Croatia's non-communist government. The old communist emblems, red flags and red stars, have been discarded and the new uniform carries the red chessboard, the traditional Croatian national emblem. The Serbs claim that the new uniforms has associations with the wartime fascist regime.

Milosevic: Champion of Serbian nationalism

Dictator's son pleads ill health at trial

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SIBIU

NICU Ceausescu, the youngest son of Nicolae Ceausescu, Romania's deposed Communist dictator, yesterday demanded the military court trying him that the case be suspended and he be freed because of his failing health.

"I'm asking to be freed because of my bad health state," Mr Ceausescu told the five-judge panel. "The trial should be suspended but investigations should continue."

Mr Ceausescu, aged 40, who was leader of the former Communist Youth League until 1987, when he became party secretary in Sibiu, 160 miles northwest of Bucharest, is reportedly suffering of cirrhosis of the liver. He has spent most of his time in detention at the Aiud prison's infirmary in western Romania, recovering from a stab wound inflicted on December 22, the day he was captured and his father overthrown.

The court asked forensic experts to provide a "concrete conclusion" to the medical examinations he had undergone so far.

Mr Ceausescu is formally charged with "complicity to genocide". The indictment, read at the opening of the trial in late May, said 89 people were killed in Sibiu in fighting between the army, which eventually sided with revolutionaries, and the former dictator's security troops.

Mr Ceausescu, who pleads not guilty to the genocide charge, has admitted the lesser charge of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

The prosecution has largely failed to provide concrete evidence that Mr Ceausescu had issued orders to fire at demonstrators during the popular revolt that ended with his parents' execution last December.

Last week his sister, Zoia-Elena, and his older brother, Valentin, were released from prison after a Bucharest military tribunal determined that the investigation into their alleged crimes of "undermining the national economy" can be carried out "without maintaining their state of preventative detention".

Former KGB chief tops poll in tense contest

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

GENERAL Oleg Kalugin, the former head of Soviet counter-intelligence, who is competing to become a member of the Soviet parliament, topped the poll in Krasnodar at the weekend but failed to gain the percentage of votes necessary to win the seat outright.

He will now have to fight a second round against the runner-up, a popular local worker, Nikolai Gorovoy.

General Kalugin became a national celebrity in June after he publicly criticised the KGB for persisting in old-style practices and disregarding perestroika. He was stripped of his rank and awards by presidential decree and the KGB has threatened to take him to court for divulging state secrets, an accusation the general strenuously denies.

The Krasnodar parliamentary seat was vacated by Ivan Polozkov when he was elected first secretary of the newly created Russian Federation Communist party. It is regarded as a politically conservative constituency, with strong local loyalties. General Kalugin's candidacy had been expected to split the voters.

At the spring parliamentary elections the trend was for city dwellers to support those candidates who were either identifiably hostile to the party establishment or who stood on a law-and-order platform. In the event he polled 44.93 per cent of the votes in a contest which was described by *Pravda* as "unusually antagonistic, tense and sometimes straying beyond the bounds of the permissible". Nikolai Gorovoy received 10.66 per cent. The second round will be held on September 2. The turn-out, at 60 per cent, was low in Soviet terms.

General Kalugin's supporters complained of an establishment campaign to prevent his election.

The central press has also published articles purportedly written by former KGB colleagues alleging character defects, including inconsistency, favouritism and vanity, in the former KGB general. One made insinuations about his relations with the CIA when he served as head of the KGB in the United States.

During the election campaign the general filed a civil lawsuit against President Gorbachev, the prime minister and the head of the KGB. The substance of his charges is that he was illegally stripped of his awards, his rank and his pension and should have all three reinstated.

● **Sanctions call:** President Ayaz Mutalibov of Azerbaijan yesterday called for sanctions against Armenia after worsening border clashes over the past three days which have left at least five people dead.

In a televised appeal, Mr Mutalibov said Azerbaijan would have to take action, for which it may request international solidarity, to protect its sovereignty and independence in the face of armed attacks by Armenians. *(AFP)*

Canadian Indians lift rail blockade

From JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

TRANSCONTINENTAL rail services were returning to normal in Canada yesterday as native Indians removed the last of two blockades they had erected across lines in northwestern Ontario.

The blockades, at White River and at Longlac, were put up by Ojibwa Indians last week in the fight for recognition of their claims for native land.

Yesterday's reopening of the Canadian Pacific line at White River, 200 miles east of Thunder Bay, came after the rail company had obtained a court injunction ordering the Indians to stop the blockade, which was in its fifth day. Earlier, Canadian National had obtained a similar court order for Longlac, 100 miles north of White River. That line reopened on Sunday after being closed for nearly a week.

Hundreds of freight and passenger trains, bound from Ontario to western Canada, were cancelled because of the blockades, or were re-routed through the northern United States. Several hundred Canadian Pacific employees received layoff notices.

Negotiations resumed yesterday in another Indian land-claim dispute, this one at Oka, Quebec. They had been broken off on Monday by Mohawk Indian representatives who complained that soldiers had moved too close to an Indian barricade. The soldiers pulled back.

Other army units relieved hundreds of police maintaining an uneasy peace between commuters and Mohawk warriors who have been blockading a busy bridge over the St Lawrence River at Montreal.

In other land disputes, Algonquin Indians agreed yesterday to reopen a road they have been blockading in La Verendrye provincial park in Quebec, while Indians continued to block a railway line in the interior of British Columbia.

Guerrilla attacks rock Peru

From AFP IN LIMA

A WAVE of terror attacks rocked Peru just hours before the start yesterday of a 24-hour nationwide strike called by the unions.

The campaign of violence by Shining Path guerrillas resulted in four people dead, a big blackout, two car-bomb explosions and attacks on public offices, authorities said.

The tension that has gripped Peru since the government announced severe austerity measures 13 days ago, rose on Monday when police occupied Lima and other principal cities.

The union protest was directed against the economic policy of the three-week-old government of President Alberto Fujimori. He has raised the price of some staples between 400 and 1,000 per cent as part of his austerity drive.

Moscow police claim rare victory in crime wave

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE much-maligned Moscow police force claimed a rare success yesterday with the arrest of a man who terrorised young women and is believed guilty of 13 rapes and three murders.

The man's partner and her mentally ill daughter were said to have taken part in torturing the women. The Armenian man, identified only by his assumed name of Stanislav Nikolaevich Chaplygin, ensnared his young victims, who were often fresh from the country, in central Moscow in broad daylight. A lurid account of Chaplygin's crimes, headed "Cruel tales", covered most of the back page of the trade union paper, *Trud*, yesterday.

Chaplygin, aged 36, has a history of indecent assault, and allegedly turned to rape and murder two years ago after taking up with a woman and her mentally ill daughter.

According to *Trud*, Chaplygin frequented central Moscow, on Red Square, or the main children's shop, Children's World. He would introduce himself to young girls as an executive of the Moscow state film company, Mosfilm, and say his victim was ideal for a starring role in a film he was about the make. He would offer foreign travel, "of course, much of the film will be shot in Paris"; the Soviet high life, "the film is about young Soviet diplomats"; and, above all, fame.

The victim would be invited back to his home to discuss the contract. Her drink would be drugged, and she would come round on a train miles from Moscow, half-dressed and suffering a hangover. Those were the lucky ones. The unlucky ones were strangled or knifed and dumped on a waste ground.

According to the police, the rapist spiked his victims' drinks with drugs which his partner obtained illegally from the mental hospital where her daughter was treated. Both mother and daughter were said to have taken part in torturing and disfiguring the girls, and helped to shield the rapist.

Revealing something of the public distrust of the police in the capital, *Trud* said that when the police finally tracked down Chaplygin to a central block of flats, other residents refused to co-operate.

The prominence given by the Soviet press to Chaplygin's arrest may be intended to help raise the morale of the Moscow police. Two weeks ago the force lost a gang of three dangerous criminals on the way from court to the high-security prison. The police are thought not to be coping with an upsurge in violent crime.

The report on the case may also be an officially sponsored attempt to persuade the Soviet public, scared that the law and order situation is out of control, that criminals do get caught.

The main message, however, was addressed to potential victims of similar crimes, the desperate young escapers from provincial life, looking for wealth and stardom in the big city. "We might have kept silent," said the paper, "were it not for the tens of thousands of very young girls who harbour the naive, half-childish faith in a miracle and are ready to throw themselves at a beautiful fairytale at once. Don't be in too much of a hurry," it warned.

Australia abolishes the dole

Canberra – Australia's Labor government abolished unemployment benefits in a tough budget aimed at reducing welfare payments.

Paul Keating, the treasurer, said that 380,000 people receiving indefinite unemployment benefits of $Aus 105 (£43) a week each would instead get $Aus 57 a week for up to 12 months. The savings will be used to service a government debt of about $Aus 23 billion. *(Reuter)*

Jogger verdict

Syracuse – A New York jury has convicted a man aged 23 of the 1986 rape, beating and stabbing of a jogger, who staggered two miles for help with a knife in her neck. The jogger, aged 43, suffered brain damage and could not identify her attacker. Sentence is to be passed on September 5. *(AP)*

Maldives arrest

Colombo – Ilyas Ibrahim, the former Maldives trade and industry minister, who returned from self-imposed exile in Britain early this month, has been placed under house arrest in Male. A committee is investigating allegations of corruption against him.

Generals killed

Taipei – A military transport plane crashed in central Taiwan, killing all 18 servicemen on board including Lin Lung Hsien, the air force deputy chief of staff, and two other generals, a military spokesman said. *(AFP)*

Escobar reward

Medellin – Colombia has more than doubled the reward for information leading to the arrest of Pablo Escobar, the nation's most-wanted drug trafficker to almost $1 million (£526,000), according to army information. *(Reuter)*

Shuttle cleared

Cape Canaveral – The space shuttle Columbia is scheduled for a September 1 launch, marking the return to service of the shuttle fleet which has been grounded since May by fuel leaks, the US space agency said. *(Reuter)*.

Brazil sabotage

Brasilia – A sabotage attack on a power pylon created a day-long power cut to most of the Brazilian capital and also affected two other cities. Striking power workers are suspected. *(AFP)*

Mud buries 10

Mexico City – A mudslide rolling down a mountainside buried part of the remote hamlet of La Luz in the southern state of Oaxaca, killing 10 people and injuring five, it was reported. *(AP)*

Students' grant

Peking – About 40 Zairean students ended a six-day occupation of their nation's embassy here after their government promised them $187,500 (£98,000) in unpaid living allowances and plane tickets home. *(AP)*

New role for socialism

Martin Jacques

Last August we still had little idea what a momentous year 1989 was going to be. Virtually the only straw in the wind had been Tiananmen Square. Yet by November, the world was a quite different place. The geo-political map had been transformed, and the history of socialism, one of the most potent influences of the 20th century, had been profoundly revised.

There has been remarkably little debate in Britain about the meaning of the events of 1989 for the socialist tradition. The assumption has been that it did not mean much. In a sense this is fair, for the socialist tradition here and elsewhere in Western Europe has had little in common with what ruled the roost in Eastern Europe.

But the matter cannot be left there. Socialism has long been thought of as a systemic alternative to capitalism. That, after all, is what clause four of the Labour party constitution is about. And this idea of socialism was one of the casualties of 1989, along with the related idea of socialism as a natural historical progression from capitalism.

Of course, this is old ground for the West European social-democratic tradition. This tradition long ago abandoned the idea of socialism as a long-term ambition or inspirational vision. The Labour party took rather longer to reach this conclusion, but it too appears now, at least in practice, to have arrived at the same destination. Meanwhile, over the last decade, the mainstream social-democratic tradition in Western Europe (with the exception of Sweden) has to a remarkable extent ceased to offer any radical structural alternative.

Western European social democracy may be more successful electorally than it has ever been, yet at no time since the war has it been less distinctive as a political force. Its post-war crusade — the Keynesian project — lies in tatters. In the realm of economic strategy, social democracy these days is not always easy to distinguish from neo-liberalism, as the example of the Spanish government shows.

The reason for the collapse of the Keynesian project lies more in material change than political argument. The internationalisation of economic processes undermined a policy dependent upon the integrity of national economies. Keynesianism in one country became impossible to sustain. As a result, social democracy was deprived of any significant novelty in the economic sphere. The Labour party's latest policy review document bears eloquent testimony to this. Its policy today is essentially confined to the social sphere, to redistribution via the welfare state.

Theoretically, of course, it would be possible to revive a distinctive economic project on a wider international plane, for instance in the context of the European Community, but that is another matter altogether.

The weakening of the identity of social democracy has other causes too. Originally, social democracy was built on the working class, but that now is but a shadow of its former self. The very culture in which social democracy, including the Labour party, was once embedded is steadily dissolving. And of course its chosen instrument, the state, has lost much of its old shine.

As we approach the end of the millennium, socialism seems less capable of addressing the future than perhaps at any time this century. The Western socialist tradition long ago lost its sense of Utopianism. Even what replaced it, the idea of structural reform, has been weakened. Meanwhile, the collapse of socialism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union has thoroughly discredited any idea of it being a workable alternative to capitalism.

Yet while socialism is in decline, notions of collectivism are on the rise, but now coloured green rather than red. The new spirit of the age stresses the importance of the universal human interest in preserving nature. It urges a new sense of global equality in the face of climatic warming. Collectivism based on old class values may be in retreat, but collectivism based on the environmental imperative is in the ascendant. By contrast, market individualism, which carried all before it in the Eighties, looks dated and inadequate.

The decline of socialism is a result of post-industrialism. New problems and preoccupations mean that the socialist tradition can no longer assume, as it once did, the mantle of the universal historical alternative, the bearer of solutions to all problems. This is not to imply that the socialist tradition will wilt, simply that its reach is now more modest and its role more attenuated. It has lost its monopoly of progressive aims and values. It no longer controls that agenda as it did.

Increasingly, the socialist tradition will be forced to defer to and negotiate with other traditions, of which greenery is presently the outstanding example. This does not mean that social-democratic parties will necessarily decline. The West German SPD, for example, has easily withstood the challenge of the Greens and even been renewed by it. Rather, social-democratic parties are likely to remain the dominant parties of European centre-left opinion. But in the process they are likely to become less self-contained, homogeneous and doctrinaire, and ever more porous, hybrid and ecumenical.

Will Saddam bring about a more united Europe?

Michael Binyon reports on the fragmented EC response that only now is edging towards Britain's tough line

Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait has left Europe bewildered and divided. Despite swift and unanimous condemnation, it is unsure what to do next. In Brussels, there has been silence: the European Community, lacking a foreign policy and defence role, cannot draw up a military strategy. Until yesterday's meeting of the Western European Union, each country reacted individually, the different interests of Britain, France, Germany and Benelux leading to the piecemeal dispatch of warships, a babble of different instructions, botched national initiatives and a confused public argument over ends and means.

These divisions have been reflected in widely differing reports in the press, and a gamut of contradictory editorials. Spain, Portugal and Belgium, traditionally aloof from Middle East wars and passions, were slow to recognise the crisis. This was a problem, their governments seemed to think, mainly for the Arabs and the Americans. The Portuguese foreign minister did not even interrupt his holiday to attend the emergency Nato meeting.

The French press, taking its cue from the government, immediately distanced itself from the vigorous Anglo-American response. French commentators were embarrassed that France was Iraq's leading western arms supplier yet confident that France's "even-handed" attitude to the Arabs would give it more influence in Baghdad than the hotheads of Washington and London. Opinion polls showed less than 50 per cent in favour of a strong French military presence.

But events have moved swiftly, and so has public opinion. Criticism of the government's softly-softly approach has sharpened because of the official secrecy over the plight of French citizens in Kuwait and Iraq, the swift rise in oil prices, and the angry realisation that France was duped into the naive belief that the Palestinian leader, Yassir Arafat, could wangle a special deal for France. The French are far more sensitive than the British to the continued detention of their hostages in Lebanon. The prospect of 500 more being held captive in the Gulf has aroused anger and revulsion at what is seen as earlier appeasement.

"The civilised world has a choice — fall into the trap [of appeasement] or cut the Gordian knot immediately. Otherwise we face a terrible decade in which we will lose our honour, liberty and our lives," said *Presse de la Manche*, a Normandy paper, yesterday. Another leading provincial paper, the *Rèpublique du Centre*, wrote: "Being with the Americans and also safeguarding our Arab friendships has proved impossible. Saddam Hussein has forced President Mitterrand to choose sides."

But whereas the French press has become more hawkish, the Germans have, if anything, become more muddled and divided. Germany is the only major European country where the Gulf crisis has not dominated the news. The break-up of the East German coalition and the economy are of more immediate concern.

The West German press has reflected government divisions on the action that should be taken, and whether constitutional limitations bar dispatch of its ships to the Gulf. Right-wing papers such as *Die Welt* have defended the US blockade of Iraq, and applauded Chancellor Kohl's apparent commitment last week to send forces to the Gulf. But the centre and left-wing papers have reflected the insistence by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, that this is undesirable and constitutionally impossible.

The old anxieties about the use of military force have come into play. "The Germany that is being received back into the family of nations does not have to prove to the world right away that it is still skilled in the arts of war," a commentator for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* said yesterday. Even the conservative *Frankfurter Allgemeine* said the Bundeswehr should not become a rapid deployment force, and that German interests are different from those of Britain and the US. Yet the left-wing *Frankfurter Rundschau* insisted that Germany cannot go on standing on the sidelines and citing the constitutional impediments. "Countries claiming full rights of sovereignty also have duties," the paper said.

Genscher is a Free Democrat, and the defence minister, Gerhard Stoltenberg, a Christian Democrat; this has muddled the debate over whether a rapid constitutional change is needed to permit direct participation in Gulf operations. But press and politicans alike are more occupied by the row over accelerated reunification. Most papers still see no role for Germany in the Gulf, and old suspicions of American intentions are prominent in the coverage of liberal papers such as *Die Zeit*.

Smaller countries have been quick to react. The Dutch and Belgian press applauded their countries' dispatch of ships to the Gulf. In both countries, there has been a growing disenchantment with the tendency of the big EC members to ignore the smaller, and the Netherlands in particular is showing that a country of 14 million has strong views and a determination to live up to international responsibilities.

Belgium, despite a weak coalition, has recently cast off traditional reticence in favour of a more outspoken foreign policy on human rights, as in Zaire, its former colony. Mark Eyskens, the Belgian foreign minister, has repeatedly denounced the Iraqi action on television, and has been strongly supported by the press. *La Dernière Heure* saw international military action against Iraq as the only solution.

Most confused of all is Italy, which currently holds the EC presidency. Gianni de Michelis, the foreign minister, quickly launched an EC initiative, convening a meeting of ministers and leading a delegation to Amman, Jeddah and Cairo; but for all its Euro-enthusiasm, Italy has found that the EC has no real role to play. And in contrast to the Gulf war in 1988, Italy was slow to send ships to the Gulf. Editorials have denounced the government for dithering, but most Italians still think the UN should take the lead and 65 per cent are against military involvement.

Many people on the continent initially thought Britain's resolute stand showed a preference for the alliance with America over obligations to the EC, but our initial isolation now looks less quixotic and more principled. It took two weeks of public argument and a meeting of the Western European Union, a normally dormant body, to formulate a cohesive and co-ordinated response. Even then there was the almost comical spectacle of ministers from three nations — Ireland, Denmark and Greece — waiting outside in the corridor until the nine participants could change hats and sit down again to discuss the same issue in their roles as EC representatives.

Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, insists that the lack of a defence dimension in Brussels is nonsensical, and this crisis may reinforce his point and the calls for closer integration. Yet to others, the events of the past week reinforce the view that no European foreign policy could ever stick for long.

David Bloor believes B.F. Skinner's behavioural science theories still have a long way to run

Even a computer can be rewarded...

The behavioural scientist B.F. Skinner, who died last weekend, has been harshly dealt with in the obituaries. While it would be exaggerating to say that he is a hate figure, he certainly had an unfavourable image for much of his life. He is associated with an unflattering picture of human beings as creatures who can be manipulated by external stimuli, lacking creative powers or special characteristics which set them off from the rest of nature. While he did hold many of these views, Skinner's work and ideas are easily underestimated. The fashionable dismissals may yet prove wrong.

Skinner's central idea, called "operant conditioning", is very simple. All organisms, he said, whether rats or birds or humans, are spontaneously "emitting" behaviour. Sometimes what they do is rewarded or reinforced, and this increases the chance that they will repeat it. Without reward, natural restlessness and variability generate new behaviour. Fixed and reliable patterns are maintained only through systematic rewards such as food, sexual gratification or more subtle forms of social incentive.

These claims are not merely theoretical. Skinner was primarily an experimenter, and was strongly opposed to building theories prematurely. For many purposes, he said, we could treat an organism as a black box whose contents are unknown. In numerous demonstrations he "shaped" (to use one of his favourite terms) the behaviour of an animal, often a pigeon. He would start giving the animal rewards of food as soon as its behaviour approximated to what he wanted, and then he gradually refined the "rewards schedule" until he got exactly what he required. For example, he and his co-workers were able to make pigeons tirelessly peck at, and hence identify, small misshapen components in a production line. He had trained them in the difficult task of quality control.

How did Skinner get his birds to perform so diligently once he had stopped training them? When rewards are cut off, behaviour will "extinguish", but the secret is to use random and infrequent rewards. Then the extinction can take an enormously long time.

Analogies with human behaviour are immediate and tempting. How should your daughter get rid of that tiresome boyfriend? If Skinner is right, make sure he does not get random and infrequent rewards for his unwanted attentions, for they will only ensure his ardour is slow to extinguish.

There are many cases in which a dose of Skinnerian thinking might pay dividends. Teachers want to encourage silent pupils to talk and prevent the garrulous ones from hogging the discussion. Skinner would advise them to adjust the reward schedule by carefully controlling the flow of nods and smiles. These ideas might seem cold and manipulative, but there is nothing inhumane about putting into practice one of Skinner's most notable findings: that in encouraging a kind of behaviour, rewarding its occurrence is more effective than punishing its absence.

In the field of human language acquisition, Skinner's name has become a byword for error and reaction. In 1957 he wrote a book in which he extended his principles of operant conditioning to language learning. It was reviewed by the linguistics professor Noam Chomsky, who, in the opinion of most psychologists and linguists, destroyed Skinner's entire approach. If we learn by conditioning, Chomsky asked, why don't children go around repeating sentences for which they have been rewarded? How can we explain their creative use of language? The argument has ramified: if operant conditioning can generate language, then why can animals not use language? Skinner never replied to this review and Chomsky's idea of the brain as pre-programmed with grammatical rules innate and special to humans has come to dominate.

Few scientific defeats have seemed more decisive. Skinner's ideas appear to have been relegated to that limbo populated by quaint and exploded theories. But some lingering doubts remain. To begin with, Chomsky and Skinner focused on different things: Chomsky concentrated on the grammatical links between words, Skinner on the link between words and the world. Next, supporters of Chomsky may have overplayed the point about creativity. There are some ways in which a Skinnerian organism can be creative, by producing old responses to a new but similar stimulus, for example. Isn't this like metaphor and analogy? And don't we learn a language by exploiting similarities and constructing new sentences on the pattern of old ones?

Finally, there are those in the field of neuroscience who say that Chomsky's idea of the brain working by a set of internal rules has had its day. Some remarkable results, even in the field of language learning, are being reported by those who build computer models of the brain and treat it as an unstructured neural network. They do not programme their computers with rules, but "train in" their networks by feeding back information about successes and failures, as the machines learn to make some desired discrimination. In Skinner's terms the operators subject their computers to a reward schedule, and in some cases such computer learning models work better than computers given rules.

No one can predict where scientific research in these fields will lead, but it would be premature to conclude that the line of work started by Skinner is finished. Of course his work was too simple. Psychologists won't take it up in the form he left it, but he may turn out to have been heading in the right direction after all.

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...and moreover

Craig Brown

Radio 4 is currently running a series called *Radio Lives*. Each week, a major figure from radio's past — Gilbert Harding, C.E.M. Joad, Stephen Potter — is examined in a celebratory portrait.

Some people might worry that the current crop of radio personalities — Derek Jameson, Dave Lee Travis, Gloria Hunniford — will render scant harvest for a similar series 20 years from now. Is there a real Derek Jameson? Is it worth plumbing the shallows of Dave Lee Travis? Would a major profile of Gloria Hunniford reveal a driving passion for the modal logic of Jan Lukasiewicz? From the listener's chair, it seems a little unlikely.

But all is not lost. There is one figure in contemporary radio whose contribution vastly outweighs all others in terms both of extent and quality, a woman of such ubiquity that each facet of her character might happily merit its own profile: Anne Ekspert.

"We have Anne Ekspert in the studio today, to answer any question you might have on the vexed issue of nuclear disarmament." "Earlier this morning, I asked Anne Ekspert what this could mean for the future of East-West relations ..." "And I have with me this afternoon Anne Ekspert, who is calling for increased legislation to protect our wild flora and fauna ..." "And later in the programme, Anne Ekspert tells us how to cook a three-course dinner for six — and all for under £10." We all recognise the name, but how much do we know of the woman herself?

Born in Sweden, Anne Ekspert showed early signs of the impeccable orderliness that would distinguish her career when, finishing an ice-cream, she called for urgent legislation to prevent the accidental swallowing of wrappers. Her mother, whom she was later to describe affectionately as "an ordinary member of the public", recorded the young Anne's very first words in her Baby Book. They were "health hazard", "affect us all" and "amid increased fears". Even at this early stage, Anne's parents realised she had a natural instinct for what radio required.

By the age of five, Anne had begun to chip in on the conversations of others, adding a note of authority to their otherwise lacklustre chit-chat. "Warm for the time of year, isn't it," a neighbour once remarked to Mrs Ekspert, only to be sharply corrected by the young Anne. "It is in fact slightly below the seasonal average," she said. "Nevertheless, we welcome all your comments, however ludicrous."

Leaning over neighbourhood fences, she would offer gardening tips to all who needed them, and many who did not. She was always ready to offer consumer advice to busy housewives from her position on the doorstep of the village shop. Health matters were a particular concern. She strongly disapproved of the posture of Barbie Dolls, advising that such inflexibility could lead to serious spinal disorders in later years.

It was the birth of the radio phone-in programme in the London of the early 1970s that saw the burgeoning of Anne Ekspert. In her teenage years, she had selflessly devoted herself to her very own phone-out programmes, in which she would telephone complete strangers, offering them advice on everything from car maintenance to developments in the modern novel. Where once those strangers might have expressed themselves bewildered, not to say irritated, by such an intrusion, they now actively sought it out, spending their own money telephoning radio stations from which Anne Ekspert was broadcasting.

Soon, not only ordinary people were heeding her advice, but governments too. "Anne Ekspert today advised the Ministry of Agriculture that the disease is a cause for concern ..." "And, later in the programme, Anne Ekspert predicts that Mr Kinnock will be facing a stormy conference ..." "Anne Ekspert warns that eating can cause cancer ..." By the 1980s, she had established herself as the prime force in broadcasting, the one oracle no one thought to question.

Now married — to a Major Alarm — Anne Ekspert has combined her career in broadcasting with bringing up a family. As a new decade dawns, radio producers are only too happy to devote entire programmes to the views of a whole panel of Eksperts, though few of them can quite remember why.

DIARY

Saddam finds a friend

With Mrs Thatcher warning yesterday that she is considering sending more troops to the Gulf, Saddam Hussein might be relieved to know he has at least one supporter in the British press. *News Line*, the daily newspaper of the Workers Revolutionary Party, undeviating disciples of Trotsky, has declared that Saddam is nothing less than a public hero and urges the British working class to rise up against Britain's participation in the "imperialist assault on Iraq".

In a ringing declaration of support for the Iraqi invasion, the paper says: "The action taken by Iraq in annexing Kuwait, which is historically part of Iraq, is a legitimate and progressive act of defence of national interests against imperialist exploitation. We call on the working class in Britain to defend Iraq against US and British imperialism."

The newspaper, which is widely on sale in London — though few seem to buy it — was for many years associated with Vanessa Redgrave, until the WRP split into separate factions after a sex scandal involving its veteran leader, Gerry Healy. In the past it has sung the praises of that other Arab crusader against western imperialism, Colonel Gaddafi, and has received money from Libya and other Arab countries.

If the shooting starts, *News Line* could be subject to the kind of measures that closed *The Daily Worker* during the Second World War. Already Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Tory MP and former solicitor general for Scotland, has called for it to be removed from sale. "This sort of thing should not be allowed to be sold on the streets at such a time". The government, on the other hand, may decide it is hardly worth the bother.

Alongside *News Line*'s calls for support for Iraq, the paper also offers the British working class this reasoned advice: "Organise the general strike to bring down the Tories." As it has been saying so every day for the past ten years to little discernible effect, the prospect of workers rising up in the factories to support Saddam looks equally remote.

Too cruel by far

With about as much tact as offering a drowning man a glass of water, the menu for the RSPCA conference on animal welfare in Oxford this week has included ragout of venison for lunch and escalope of veal for dinner. Staff at Christ Church, which is hosting the conference, seemed blissfully unaware that about half the 200 delegates are vegetarian and, worse, that the RSPCA has conducted campaigns against crated veal — by which calves are starved of light and vitamins to keep their flesh white — and strongly opposes deer hunting.

"Provided it is humanely slaughtered, meat or poultry for the non-vegetarians would be acceptable," says Gavin Grant, the RSPCA's public relations chief. "But we have been involved in a big campaign in Europe to get the EC to ban veal crates, and they have already been banned in England. Yet we discovered that the proposal for Wednesday was to serve Dutch veal, which is crated." Christ Church chefs were yesterday devising a more acceptable menu, while the RSPCA was considering holding its next conference in Cambridge.

The real thing

Shadow chancellor John Smith, whose quiet and sure style has provided some of the more dramatic moments in recent years in the theatre that is the chamber of the House of Commons, is taking to the boards at the Edinburgh Fringe. He has been enticed there by actor Stephen Fry in a benefit concert for a Scottish Aids hospice.

Smith's capacity for speaking without notes and responding blind to the government will hold him in good stead, for he is still in the dark about the sketch, which Fry has written in his honour. "I haven't seen it yet. I honestly don't know what to expect." Does he have any other theatrical experience to draw on for Friday's appearance in the *On The Fringe of Hysteria Show*? "I used to do gaelic singing in the Highlands, but that was a long time ago."

Blood up

A group of brave, if not foolhardy, property developers are proposing to demolish the British home of Count Dracula. They have their eyes on Bray film and TV studios, the home of Hammer Horror films, which they want to raze to make way for an office block.

Windsor and Maidenhead council meets to consider the proposal next month, but even if they escape the attentions of the Prince of Darkness, the developers will have to contend with the objections of his representative on

earth, Peter Cushing, who has been frightening the life out of millions for the past 30 years. The 76-year-old veteran of more than 80 films, including such classics as *The Curse of Frankenstein*, *The Brides of Dracula* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, has asked the council to reject the scheme. "It will be sad if the developers have their way and demolish the place," he says. "The day will come when studios will be in great demand again, and Bray has everything to offer. When will they ever learn?"

Cushing, whose partnership with Christopher Lee was the greatest double act during the heyday of British horror films, looks back on the Hammer era with affection. "The adjective 'horror' has a strong pull at the box office, but I prefer 'fantasy', which is what those films are. I count myself lucky to have contributed to the output of that fabulous factory, which has given such great pleasure all over the world."

Silent tribute

Typically, Sir Alec Guinness, that most reclusive of British actors, refused to speak when he made a rare public appearance yesterday to present the £5,000 prize in the *Literary Review*'s annual poetry competition at the Cafe Royal. To audience disappointment, he simply presented the cheque to the winner, Frank McDonald, and walked off the platform; but were it not for his long friendship with the magazine's editor, Auberon Waugh, he would not have been there at all.

"I knew Evelyn, his father, and liked him a lot," Sir Alec said. "After Evelyn's death, my signed copy of a limited edition of his book about the Holy Land was stolen. Later somebody rang me from New York to say he had bought it in a secondhand bookshop and was astonished that I could have sold it."

Sir Alec mentioned this to Bron, who gave him another of the signed limited edition copies of *The Holy Places*. Yesterday was his way of expressing his thanks.

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HOLDING TOGETHER

Western European reticence has been the weakest link in the international armoury which the Americans have sought to forge against Iraqi aggression. Since August 10, when the American secretary of state, James Baker, appealed in vain to Nato ministers to join a multinational task force, the only western allies to provide unequivocal support have been Britain, Canada and Australia.

The leaders of Egypt and Turkey have understood from the first that, as Mrs Thatcher said yesterday, "no state will be safe unless Saddam Hussein is stopped". Their courage has stood in sharp contrast to the hesitation of wealthier countries such as France and Italy.

Yesterday's decision by six of the nine governments of the Western European Union to dispatch naval forces to the Gulf in a coordinated operation marks a watershed. International solidarity in enforcing sanctions against Iraq, for which Mrs Thatcher yesterday issued an impassioned appeal, is now, at last, becoming a reality.

All the WEU members except Luxembourg (which has no navy), Portugal (which has yet to decide) and West Germany (which has said it will discuss amendments to its constitution to permit forces to operate in the Gulf) are now committed to military enforcement of UN sanctions. The forces will remain under national commands, but will share intelligence, air cover, and supply ships. The vessels of smaller countries such as Belgium and The Netherlands will sail in small convoys with British ships.

West Germany will meanwhile send further minesweepers to the eastern Mediterranean and is giving American forces in Saudi Arabia tanks equipped to detect chemical weapons. The French government, under increasing domestic criticism for "appeasing" Iraq, has also taken the psychologically important decision to commit ground forces to the United Arab Emirates and military instructors to Saudi Arabia. On the political front, European Community foreign ministers have refused to close their embassies in Kuwait.

The coalition has been assembled in time, but only just. Yesterday an Iraqi tanker unloaded its cargo in Aden, exposing as a lie Yemen's promise to comply with UN sanctions. The UN Security Council adjourned yesterday morning without authorising military action. The resolution under consideration goes further than inviting governments to use naval forces in the area to enforce the trade embargo against Iraq, asking them in addition to cooperate with Kuwait's legal government to compel Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. Such cooperation could, by implication, include the use of ground forces.

Yesterday, in her first public statement for a fortnight, Mrs Thatcher was at her robust best. She insisted that she would never allow Iraq to use western hostages as a bargaining counter. She firmly rejected the notion that their detention would inhibit British naval action, and stressed that neither Britain nor America had ever ruled out the use of force.

The foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, however, struck a slightly different note. He implied in Paris that the hostages would count heavily in a British military decision, saying that "it is not in our interests to put our nationals in greater danger".

Mr Hurd may have meant no more than a proper concern that military planning must protect, as far as possible, the lives of foreign civilians trapped in Kuwait and Iraq. If, as Kuwait's legal government has reported to the UN, Iraq has mined vital installations in the country including not only power stations, refineries and port facilities but life-preserving water desalination plants, a counter-attack on land will indeed inflict terrible casualties. No unnecessary risks should be taken with any civilian lives.

The odds in favour of effective enforcement of sanctions, the best hope of avoiding military action, have now greatly improved. But naval "teeth" will almost certainly have to be used, and President Saddam Hussein has threatened to treat naval action as an act of aggression. There can be no guarantee that his words are aimed only at diverting attention from Iraq's primary aggression, the invasion of Kuwait, and do not imply armed Iraqi retaliation. The absolute priority, as Mrs Thatcher has repeated, is to force Iraq to withdraw, unconditionally, from Kuwait. Should military action become unavoidable, there must be no trace of ambiguity about Britain's will.

NELSON MANDELA TO MOVE

The world has watched with admiration as President F. W. de Klerk has enlisted the help of Nelson Mandela in the task of offering South Africans an example of how to overcome their visceral antipathies. But now the dire prophecies of the Afrikaner reactionaries appear to be fulfilled. Supine black leaders have allowed a gory tribal vendetta to spread inexorably across the country, evoking visions of a calamitous future under majority rule.

It is easy for the African National Congress and its friends to assign blame for the carnage in South Africa's black townships to their conventional villains: the Zulu leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and the South African police. Certainly Mr Buthelezi's Inkatha impis must bear their share of the blame for nearly 4,000 deaths, as he has struggled to retain his power base against the predominantly Xhosa ANC. When the struggle was confined to the hills of Natal, some black members of the South African police, with their own tribal loyalties, were biased against the ANC. Until Mr de Klerk came to power, the South African government was not displeased by evidence of black disunity, the more brutal the better.

That pleasure today, however, is confined to President de Klerk's enemies on the far right, who know that every spasm of black violence swells their ranks with frightened whites and erodes Mr de Klerk's fragile constituency. Inkatha warriors and the ANC "comrades" — who believe that the spear, the axe and the "necklace" are justifiable political tools — have become Dr Andries Treurnicht's best recruiting agents for his white extremist laager. Mr Mandela's future is now inextricably yoked to Mr de Klerk's fate. Self interest at the very least requires him to ignore the Iago whispers from his ANC colleagues and to deal directly with Mr Buthelezi, the only gesture that has any hope of bringing the killing to an end.

There is no doubt that the Chief would welcome peace talks, and little doubt that Mr Mandela is privately willing to meet him. But he has been persistently overruled by colleagues who would rather South Africa became the world's next Lebanon than confer on the Zulu leader the recognition he demands. Yet as leader of a large political movement and South Africa's largest tribe, Mr Buthelezi is entitled to help shape the post-apartheid constitution.

The ANC, which has been involved in murderous struggles with other black liberation organisations such as Azapo and the Pan Africanist Congress, is hardly an exemplar of tolerance. Mr Mandela's exiled colleagues have so far avoided internal elections, which would enhance his authority and make their uncompromising policy more difficult to maintain. The ANC's political culture, if not its policies, remains totalitarian.

Hopes of ending the present conflict cannot now lie with the ANC's divided collective leadership. President de Klerk has little choice but to send in the troops. Unless the two sides can agree on a truce, a return to the recently lifted state of emergency may soon become unavoidable.

The onus of avoiding this lies above all on Mr Mandela. Alone in South Africa, he enjoys a prestige that extends far beyond his political base. The critical test of his qualities as a leader will come not in the White House or Downing Street, but on the streets of the townships. Those Western leaders on whom Mr Mandela and the ANC are now wholly reliant for support have the financial leverage to help his moderation to prevail. Their duty is to point out that his status implies wider responsibilities than to mere party discipline. The ANC could not afford to drop Mr Mandela if he went ahead and met Chief Buthelezi. Failure to do so could deny him the chance of one day leading a united South Africa. Instead, it may condemn him to preside over the country's disintegration.

OVER-EXPOSURE

The Victorian middle classes bathed in the sea, not in the sun, and did so with discretion and decorum. They slipped into the surf from changing huts, well wrapped against the weather and each other. Their motives for such physical shyness were a mixture of prudery and snobbery — a tan suggested manual outdoor labour. They would be astonished to find how a century later a well-browned skin would be regarded as evidence of health, prosperity and sexual attractiveness.

It is becoming clear that their misgivings about the sun were right after all, if for the wrong reasons. Professor Rona MacKie, professor of dermatology at Glasgow University, told the British Association for the Advancement of Science yesterday that the incidence of skin cancer was increasing alarmingly. The number of cases of malignant melanoma, the most lethal form of the illness, had doubled in Britain in each of the last four decades. With some 800 deaths a year, mortality has risen by 80 per cent in the last ten years. The rate of increase is higher than that of any other form of malignancy except lung cancer. It is affecting more young people than ever before. Sunlight is the principal suspect.

The association between skin cancer and the sun is reflected by its prevalence in hot countries. Half the population of Australia suffers from it, if only in a mild form, by the age of 40. In the United States, especially California, it accounts for nearly one in three of all the malignancies recorded. Its steady rise in this country has coincided with the postwar pursuit of a hotter sun than Britons usually enjoy. Chilled by the long damp winters of these latitudes, they seek the change of climate they can now afford, with seasonal migrations south to the Mediterranean or north Africa. At home they react to a record-breaking summer by exposing as much skin as decency allows.

To ignore the risk of skin cancer from sunlight would be as foolish as to ignore the link between lung cancer and smoking. Professor MacKie was particularly concerned with the depletion of the earth's protective ozone layer, which will gradually increase the intensity of sunlight even in northern latitudes. It has been estimated that the increase in ultraviolet radiation resulting from a 10 per cent depletion could lead to a rise in the incidence of melanoma by one fifth. But the depletion could be even greater than that. Professor MacKie is urging close monitoring of the ozone layer and of ultraviolet radiation.

Most danger arises from sudden and unaccustomed exposure, just the sort experienced on short southern holidays. Women seem more at risk than men; certain kinds of skin are more vulnerable than others. While precautions against sunburn and sunstroke are well known, and the consequences of ignoring them come quickly, there is insufficient public awareness of skin cancer, a disease which creeps up on its victim only slowly.

Deliberate risks are different from those run through ignorance. The message relayed by travel firms and reinforced by fashion magazines, the cosmetics industry and television sustains the fashionable view that a sepia tan is a symbol of beauty and health. It can remain so no longer. Even now, before serious ozone depletion starts to raise the ultraviolet level, a change of fashion would be timely. The Victorians were right.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gulf action under official cloak

From the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sir, The United Nations Association welcomes the four resolutions of the Security Council: condemning the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait; calling for mandatory sanctions; declaring the annexation of Kuwait by Iraq illegal; and demanding the immediate release of foreign nationals in Kuwait and Iraq. We regard it as imperative that all further action to resolve the crisis is taken through the UN.

We are most deeply concerned by the escalation of tension and the apparent build-up to actual war of the last few days. So far all reports indicate that the sanctions imposed under Article 41 of the UN Charter are becoming effective.

We believe that any military action to enforce sanctions, if indeed this should prove necessary, must only be taken under the auspices of the United Nations. Any unilateral or multilateral use of force in support of the Security Council mandatory sanctions cannot be justified under Article 51. This should not be confused in terms of international legality with responses to the request from Saudi Arabia for defensive assistance.

Accordingly, we ask that our Government continues to pursue through the Security Council the question of measures needed under Article 42 to enforce sanctions, with suitable and reasonable arrangements for their effective management under Article 47. Without such endorsement we condemn any use of force and are appalled by any suggestions that a preemptive strike can get us out of this dilemma.

We urge that all countries involved should totally renounce the possible use of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, even in retaliation, if armed conflict should occur.

Finally, we most strongly urge that the aim must be to secure peace, not war. Negotiations for peace, in the context of an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, must continue. A military solution would be disastrous for the Middle East and for the whole world.

Yours faithfully,
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United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
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August 21.

From Mr Patrick Cormack, MP for Staffordshire South (Conservative)

Sir, You are right to urge (leading article, August 18) that Parliament be recalled. I completely support the Government's determination to ensure that an evil, power-drunk, megalomaniac should not succeed in his aggression but I wish to demonstrate that support in the only place where a democratic government can properly be sustained or adequately called to account.

The Government was quite right not to defer action until Parliament had met but it is quite wrong to ignore the need for Parliament's endorsement of that action, if only to underline the fact, so readily appreciated by those who have escaped to freedom in Eastern Europe, that it is tyrannies and not democracies that provoke conflict and destroy life — and all that gives life meaning.

And though there may be no fear of the super-powers going to war against each other, this crisis is at least as likely to lead to a conflagration as any of the others which Parliament has been recalled to discuss since 1945.

Yours etc.,
PATRICK CORMACK,
The Lyons,
Enville,
Stourbridge, West Midlands.
August 20.

Mortgages and government strategy

From Mr Allan Cole

Sir, Your editorial on "Mortgages and Morality" (August 15) makes some fundamental assumptions which must be challenged. The increase in the number of homes repossessed is blamed on people purchasing properties which they really could not afford. When the mortgage was offered, the lender must have been confident that the borrower could afford the mortgage. The large increase in interest rates, which translates into a similar increase in repayments, was something no one could predict. Does that make lender or borrower imprudent? I think not.

Are high interest rates necessary? They are an extremely blunt instrument to reduce the demand for most consumer goods where the borrower is interested in the monthly repayments. When interest rates increase from 18 per cent to 27 per cent per annum monthly repayments of £650 over 24 months increase from £32.45 to £35.35, hardly enough to deter anyone in secure employment.

Where high interest rates have an effect is on new investment by industry. Our manufacturers are in competition with those of other countries. If the cost of capital in the UK is higher than our competitors it places UK industry at a competitive disadvantage.

The business section of *The Times* had an article (August 15) on Japanese investment in the UK, over $5 billion in the last financial year. Is this surprising when Japanese industry can borrow at a fraction of the rate available to UK industry? Low Japanese interest rates offer their industry a competitive advantage over other industrialised countries.

The main effect of high UK interest rates is to reduce investment and output by UK industry. The British consumer is then forced to purchase imported goods, increasing the balance of payments deficit. This in turn forces the government to have high interest rates to support the pound. To reduce inflation the government must adopt a more pragmatic economic strategy.

Yours faithfully,
A. COLE,
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August 15.

From Dr D. H. Sharp

Sir, Your third leader on mortgage payments after asking who is to blame for the current problems of borrowers, states (rightly) that "interest rates, and by extension the government, are the obvious culprits".

But surely the real immorality of the system is that borrowers, when taking out a mortgage, are required to accept an open-ended commitment, which, although not put in these terms, amounts to, "Whatever the rate of interest happens to be, that will I pay". Mortgages, when taken out, should be at a fixed rate of interest. It should be illegal for the rate to be varied once a contract has been agreed and signed.

If this principle were to be accepted and legally enforced it would: apply a much needed measure of discipline to the financial markets; encourage the revival of the private-rented sector which you also advocate; and provide a useful brake to inflation.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. SHARP,
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August 15.

From Mr Neville H. Lee

Sir, You suggest that deregulation of the rental market is needed. The Housing Act 1988 has already achieved deregulation. In particular its provisions for assured shorthold tenancies have reassured landlords and provided security for tenants. This clear-cut framework is based on fair market rents.

Rocketing housing prices before 1988 and high interest rates since have given renting a social respectability not seen since the First World War. Our members from all over the country report more property than ever before, at every level, released for the rental market.

We are already well on the way to becoming a nation of secure landlords and of unexploited tenants.

Yours faithfully,
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Parking for disabled

From the Director of Age Concern England

Sir, Age Concern England wholeheartedly supports Mr Crewe's view (August 15) that the orange badge parking scheme for the disabled should be extended to the London boroughs in which it currently does not apply.

However, we are concerned about his passing comment regarding "abuse" of the scheme. The claimed existence of such abuse is central to the Department of Transport's current proposals for tightening the scheme's eligibility criteria. Significantly, at no point have they provided anything other than anecdotal evidence of this abuse.

The department's main proposal could severely limit eligibility to the scheme, but it would only reduce abuse in the crudest arithmetical sense of reducing the number of badge holders. Many older people with mobility handicaps could lose their eligibility for badges under these changes.

Parking abuse by able-bodied drivers, including illegal use of spaces reserved for disabled people, is far more extensive than abuse by disabled drivers.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Barbara Tanner

Sir, When I changed my car the dealer asked me to leave the orange badge on the windscreen. I explained it was in my name and for my sole use as a registered disabled person and I would be transferring it to the new car. He told me the badge would help sell the car; even the orange timer made a difference to its appeal. I was amazed and disgusted.

Yours faithfully,
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Revising assault law

From Mr Richard Buxton, QC

Sir, Professor J. C. Smith (August 6) and Professor Glanville Williams (August 15) have called for reform of the law of criminal assault. These comments were occasioned by the severe criticism by the Court of Appeal in the case of *R v Parmenter* (Law Report, July 30) of the "impenetrable" state of the present law. As the court indicated, it is particularly deplorable that a part of the law that occupies so much of the time of the crown courts should continue to be governed by archaic and obscure rules.

It was for these reasons that the Law Commission decided, in June, to initiate a major project for the production of a new Offences Against the Person Bill. This will be based on the earlier recommendations of the Criminal Law Revision Committee and the commission's criminal code, published in 1989. Rather than deal with assault in isolation, the Bill will extend also to immediately related areas of the law. It and its accompanying commentary will be published for general comment and criticism.

Yours faithfully,
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In-flight illness

From Dr Peter J. C. Chapman

Sir, As one of the authors of the report quoted by your correspondent concerning passenger deaths in flight ("Sickness in the skies", August 9) may I be allowed a comment?

By far the commonest cause of sudden unheralded passenger death is cardiac arrest. The numbers are not large, probably in the region of 0.5 per million travellers. They are almost certainly under-reported and cannot be ignored. Either such a rate of attrition has to be accepted with a shrug of resignation, or something has to be done to prevent it.

The facts are that only one procedure, that of defibrillation by DC shock, carries any hope of success and this, contrary to your report, is not available to British Airways passengers. The airline that pioneered such facilities, the first in the world to carry defibrillators and to train their cabin staff in their use, was British Caledonian. Regrettably British Airways decided not to continue this when they acquired that airline.

The good news, however, is that another British carrier has taken over the mantle and now carries sophisticated, automatic defibrillators on all their aircraft. Virgin Atlantic is, I believe, the only airline in the world to carry such equipment, with flight attendants trained in their use, and to give their passengers the chance of survival if they are so unfortunate as to suffer cardiac arrest in flight.

Yours faithfully,
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August 15.

From Mr J. H. Scurr and Mr P. D. Coleridge Smith

Sir, Thomson Prentice, in his article on travel maladies, refers to passengers on long-haul flights as being at risk of venous thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. Our attention was drawn to this problem recently when, in the space of one week, three passengers who had travelled on transatlantic flights were referred with swollen painful legs.

Investigations in our vascular laboratory have demonstrated thrombosis of the leg veins. The problem of swelling of ankles on long-distance flights have also been investigated and reported on by a group of 19 doctors on a 15-hour flight to Japan.

We have found that the practice of wearing below-knee graduated compression stockings is effective in preventing the worst effects of long-distance air travel on the legs. Our studies on the prevention of venous thrombosis in hospital patients lead us to believe that these measures will also reduce the risk of clotting in the legs' veins.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. SCURR,
P. D. COLERIDGE SMITH,
University College and Middlesex School of Medicine,
Department of Surgery,
The Middlesex Hospital,
Mortimer Street, W1.
August 12.

Student loans

From Mr C. G. P. Lakeman

Sir, Your report (August 10) that the National Union of Students is to "encourage" students to take loans is surely the final nail in the coffin of that body.

During the debates about the future of the NUS in higher education establishments throughout the country the union sought to justify its outmoded closed shop by arguing that students' interests in defeating the loan scheme were best served by the union in its present form. Its national secretary's admission shows that the Government — rightly — refused to listen to such a singularly undemocratic body.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LAKEMAN,
5 Holmgate Court,
Claremont Road,
St Helier, Jersey.

Cathedral aid

From Mr Oliver Lever

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury's appeal (report, August 7) for Government aid for cathedrals is surely ill-founded. The Government currently adds to direct giving to the Church of England some 18.6 per cent by way of income tax refunds.

Thus, of the £70 million needed, the Church would have to raise only £59 million over the next decade. This could be met by each attendant at ordinary Sunday services giving on average £4 a week, instead of £2.60 as now.

Taking into account the probable increase in church membership in the decade of Evangelism and the present grants to the Church from the EC and local authorities, no extra public funding is justified but, of course, money would have to be sent where needed.

Wealthy and successful dioceses should help their poorer neighbours and that is the key to the problem.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER LEVER,
Blackacre, Back Lane,
Malvern,
Worcestershire.
August 13.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071) 782 5046.

Advice on health

From Mr Ralph Irwin-Brown

Sir, In his attack on Bernard Levin, the Acting Chief Executive of the Health Education Authority, Donald Reid, states (August 14) that "smoking is the principal cause of leg amputations to prevent gangrene in Britain".

About 5,000 people lose a leg through amputation in Britain each year. Some 3,500 of them are over 60 years of age with a male/female ratio of about two to one. Overall causation is roughly: peripheral vascular disease 60 per cent, diabetes 25 per cent, cancer 5 per cent, trauma 5 per cent, with 5 per cent from other causes. I know of no statistics to support Donald Reid's statement.

To make such a blanket condemnation of smoking under the general threat of amputation is a good example of what Bernard Levin is on about. When my right leg was amputated a couple of years ago and perhaps became a number somewhere I doubt very much whether my use or non-use of nicotine formed part of the statistic.

Sincerely,
RALPH IRWIN-BROWN,
Trotton,
Grayshott, Surrey.
August 15.

Bad bunnies

From Mr Michael Jones

Sir, Master Peter Rabbit is protected by our criminal law from having his reputation sullied by the indiscretions of his youth. Although apparently guilty of two offences namely criminal damage and theft (of Mr McGregor's lettuces, radishes and French beans) I am sure that Mr Christopher Preston (August 14) would agree that Peter is under the age of criminal responsibility.

Justice would be served by Mr McGregor seeking compensation against Mrs Rabbit in the county court under the small claims procedure.

Yours faithfully,
M. LEWIS JONES,
52 Church Croft,
Madley, Hereford.

Walking aid

From Miss K. P. Lardge

Sir, I also write in praise of the walking stick (letters, August 13, 17). Mine, however, is of the waist-high cherry variety, not well fashioned but equally as functional as Sir Francis Avery Jones's chest-high thumb stick.

Since acquiring my stick a few years ago my walks have changed radically.

Uneven steep ground is easy to ascend or descend with its assistance: fast-running streams drily traversed as it locates unsafe crossing points; thick undergrowth or dense overhanging tree growth is no longer a problem and when I rest in enjoyment of the view the trusty stick entertains the two dogs in a game of "tug-of-war" before they notice that we have stopped moving at an acceptable pace.

Yours faithfully,
KIM LARDGE,
53 Salisbury Road,
Ealing, W13.

From Mr C. J. Slade

Sir, Sir Francis Avery Jones (August 13) omitted the uses of a thumb stick when negotiating a barbed-wire fence. There are three:
1. For use when the height of the fence is approximately the same as one's inside leg measurement. The stick is laid along the top of the wire and both are clamped firmly together manually while one climbs over. Thus the trousers and anatomy come into contact only with the stick and not the barbs.
2. For higher fences the fork of the stick is used to raise the wire as far as necessary to allow one to get between the top two shanks.
3. For lower fences the fork is used to depress the top wire for an easy step over.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. SLADE,
13 Church Road,
Maiden Newton, Dorset.

From Mrs Henry Moore

Sir, When walking on Offa's Dyke I am always reassured if one of the party carries a thumb stick, so that any threatening vipers can be pinned at the neck with a quick reverse twist of the stick. It might be even more useful for our impending holiday in Corfu.

Yours faithfully,
CECILY MOORE,
Shucknall Court, Hereford.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE

August 21: The Queen invested The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowden, with the Insignia of the Royal Victorian Chain.

By command of The Queen, Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Dr J.L.S. Abbey and Mrs Abbey at 13 Belgrave Square this afternoon in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Ghana in London.

Birthdays today

Mr P.H.B. Allsop, publisher, 66; Mr John Banham, director-general, CBI, 50; Mr Marc Bohan, fashion designer, 64; Mr Ray Bradbury, author, 70; Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, urban planner, 83; M Henri Cartier-Bresson, photographer, 82; Major-General Earl Cathcart, 71; Sir Richard Catling, former Commissioner of Kenyan Police, 78; Professor Sir Cyril Astley Clarke, geneticist, 83; Mr Steve Davis, snooker player, 33; Mr Somerset de Chair, former MP, 79; Judge Anne Downey, 54; Baroness Ewart-Biggs, 61; Mr Max Hebditch, director, Museum of London, 53; Mr Donald MacLeary, ballet dancer, 53; Sir James Menter, former principal, Queen Mary College, 69; Sir Leo Pliatzky, civil servant, 71; Mr Karlheinz Stockhausen, composer and conductor, 62; Sir Anthony Tuke, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 70; Mr Mats Wilander, tennis player, 26.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Denis Papin, physicist, Blois, France, 1647; Count Jean de La Pérouse, explorer in the Pacific, Albi, France, 1741; Thomas Tredgold, engineer, Brandon, Durham, 1788; Claude Debussy, composer, Saint Germain-en-Laye, 1862; Jacques Lipchitz, sculptor, Druskininkai, Lithuania, 1891.

DEATHS: Richard III, reigned 1483-85, killed at the battle of Bosworth Field, 1485; Jan Kochanowski, poet, Lublin, Poland, 1584; Jean-Honoré Fragonard, painter, Paris, 1806; Warren Hastings, 1st governor-general of India, Daylesford, Oxon, 1818; Franz Gall, physiologist, Paris, 1828; George Shillibee, pioneer of omnibuses, Brighton, 1866; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquis of Salisbury, prime minister 1885-86, 1887-92, 1895-1900, 1900-02, Hatfield House, Herts, 1903; Michael Collins, Irish patriot, and IRA leader, killed in an ambush, Beal-na-Blath, Cork, 1922; Sir Oliver Lodge, physicist, Lake, Wilts, 1940; Michael Fokine, ballet dancer and choreographer, New York, 1942; William Richard Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Huntercombe, Oxon, 1963; Jomo Kenyatta, president of Kenya 1964-78, Mombasa, 1978.

French forces landed in Ireland, 1798. The United States annexed New Mexico, 1846.

Society of Apothecaries

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Apothecaries of London for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr D.G.A. Eadie; Senior Warden, Professor T.W.A. Glenister; Junior Warden, Dr D.T.D. Hughes.

Service luncheon

RASC and RCT Officers' Luncheon Club
The Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers' Luncheon Club entertained Lord Foot at luncheon yesterday at Mark Masons Hall. Brigadier D.N. Locke, chairman, presided.

Reception

HM Government
Lord Sanderson of Bowden, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host at a Highlands reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night in Brodie Castle, Forres, Morayshire.

Church news

Appointments

Robert Gray, QC, has been sworn in as Chancellor of the Diocese of Southwark in succession to the late Worshipful and Rev Dr Evelyn Garth Moore.

The Rev Richard Ames-Lewis, Vicar, St Peter and St Paul, Edenbridge, diocese Rochester: to be Priest-in-Charge and Rector Designate of the proposed Barnes Team Ministry, diocese Southwark.

Canon Patrick R N Appleford: to be Emeritus Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Rev John Backhouse, Priest-in-Charge, Birtsmorton St Mary, diocese Leicester: to be also Acting Rural Dean of Guthlaxton II Deanery, same diocese.

The Rev Chris Beeson, Rector, St James Gorton, diocese Manchester: to be diocesan communications officer, diocese Blackburn.

The Rev Edmund J Betts, executive secretary for ministry for the Church in Wales to be Team Rector, Haverhill Team Ministry, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The Rev Michael J Brock, Team Vicar, Bestwood, diocese Southwell: to be Rector Epperstone, Vicar of Oxton and Vicar of Gonalston, held in plurality in Nottinghamshire and diocese Southwell.

The Rev Peter E Bustin, Vicar, Southwold, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be also Rural Dean of Halesworth, same diocese.

The Rev William G Grimes, diocese Blackburn: to be Priest-in-Charge, St Michael, Ashton-on-Ribble and St Mark, Preston, same diocese.

The Rev Michael E Hall, Priest-in-Charge, Tylers Green, diocese Oxford; to be Vicar, Tylers Green, same diocese.

The Rev Jeremy R Harrold, Vicar, Stowmarket, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be also Rural Dean of Stowmarket.

The Rev Peter F Johnson, Assistant Master and Chaplain, King's School, Canterbury and an Honorary Minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, to be a Residentiary Canon, Bristol Cathedral.

The Rev Bryan J Paradise, Priest-in-Charge, Dunsfold, diocese Guildford: to be Rector, Dunsfold, same diocese.

The Rev Canon Trevor M Shoddes, Vicar, Wesham, diocese Blackburn: to be Vicar, Danby w Castleton, diocese York.

The Rev Henry W Scriven, Partner with the Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church, to be Chaplain, St George, Madrid, Spain, diocese in Europe.

The Rev Robert Stroud, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Folkestone, diocese Canterbury: to be also Rural Dean of Elham, same diocese.

The Rev David J Tompkins, Vicar, Kidsgrove, diocese Lichfield: to be Vicar, Tockwith and Bilton w Bickerton, diocese York.

The Rev Martin Turner, Vicar, St Peter, Monkwearmouth, diocese Durham: to be Vicar, Bishopton, diocese Bath and Wells.

Retirements

The Rev Canon David Clark, Priest-in-Charge, St Bartholomew, Leigh, diocese Southwark, to retire on November 30.

The Rev Eric Crowe, Vicar, Pitminster w Corfe, diocese Bath and Wells, to retire on October 31.

The Rev John G Frostick, Rector, Kirton w Falkenham, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to retire on October 6.

The Rev Canon William Kelly, Vicar, Hemingham, diocese Carlisle: to retire on September 30.

The Rev James (Jim) A S Laurie, Rector, Charsfield w Debach and Monewden, Hoo, Dallinghoo and Letheringham, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to retire on November 30.

The Rev Andrew J F Voake, Vicar, All Saints Crondall and St Mary, Ewshot, diocese Guildford: to retire on November 14.

Latest wills

Mr Eamonn Andrews, of Portmarnock, Co Dublin, the television personality, left estate in England and Wales valued at £5,501 net.

Mr Peter John Blyth, of Leigh Woods, Bristol, left estate valued at £1,749,439 net. He left £20,000 and some effects to family legatees and the remainder to charity including £250,000 each to Bristol Children's hospital, Great Ormond Street hospital, London, and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. He also left £100,000 each to the Venice in Peril Fund, the British Red Cross Society and the British Heart Foundation.

Mr Sidney Shurman, of London NW4, company director, late of Panton Film Distributors Ltd, left estate valued at £1,092,081 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr Alfred Leslie Lerwill, of North Molton, Devon £480,636.

Mr Frank Michael John Littler, of Bristol, Avon ..... £598,522.

Mrs Catherine Lilian Morgan, of Cardiff, South Glamorgan ..... £462,191.

Mr John Edmund Muskett, of Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk ..... £609,037.

Evelyn Dorothy Oates, of East Keswick, West Yorkshire ..... £851,653.

Mr Herbert Denham Parker, of Pinner west London, £929,767.

Mrs Mary Ivy Paul, of London NW3 ..... £928,085.

Elizabeth Seatter Rendall, of Braintree, Essex ..... £826,643.

Mr Brian Norman Simpkin, of Corwen, Clwyd ..... £745,941.

Mr Ernest Smith, of Worsley, Greater Manchester ..... £505,012.

Mrs Ruth Thompson, of Old Bosham, West Sussex £423,482.

Mr Alec Clifford Turner, of Semer, Suffolk ..... £637,618.

Mrs Brenda Doreen Turner, of Broad Walk, London N12 ..... £452,692.

Miss Phyllis Walton, of Selsey, West Sussex ..... £375,234.

Edith Emily Wenden, of Colchester, Kent ..... £467,009.

Mr Donald Williams, of London N6 ..... £465,620.

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The following candidates have been successful in passing the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators' June 1990 examinations:

K A Agati: I J Aitchison: C P Allen: S J Anderson: P A K Arthur: R Ashdown: P B Asquith: P Atkinson: M Bailey: P Baines: S J Baird-Murray: R W Baker: K P Barnett: M J Bass: A F F Batista: D M Baugh: J R Bealer: P Bellamy: R C Bellhouse: R K Bergin: J M Beveridge: R Berry: A K G Betts: N B Bhugeloo: K Biyamwila: D G Blackburn: I A Blumberg: H Boaden: E B Bohm: M Boodhun: K Bowen: K L Braddock: J P Brill: M M Brookes: A R Browning: J Burns: D A Buskell: A T Buttery: A Byanyima: K A Cadman: J Canning: N R Carne: M J Carpenter: Z J Carruthers: A S Chambers: S J Chappell: L S Chatterton: A Cheng Yiu-Cheung: Chiew Foong Moor: N S Chudleigh: T A Cook: P J Corbett: M A Cordes: A J Cotell: A P Cotterall: C J Cranage: M Cramner: J Criddle: R J Crilly: A F Cullen: J M Campbell: P Daly: J A Dathan: M W Davies: N K Davies: R J H Davies: R J Dawson: M J Day: P J Dean: C R Dennehy: R M Dharmagadda: J K Dhingra: J Dingdale: S E Dixon: C Donaldson: G M Donnelly: G Dunn: F J Egan: R G C Essery: A C Evans: D Evans: N Evans: P S Everett: P C Farley: A H Farrell: B S Fitzgerald: J Fisher: A E Fitzgerald: D L Forde: K M Forster: J L Fortune-Miller: R D Fryer: A Gurney: K A George: N D G Gershon: P C Gilbert: T J Gillan: P M Glass: S E Glover: M F Golaup: M C Goldsmith: R M Grant: N J Gray: S J Greene: A J Gridley: A N Griffiths: L Gronning: T C Grove: J B Hall: J E Hall: P F Hamill: D Harrison: L C Harrison: A Hart: S A Hayward: Cook: N Heckford: A Heron: M J Hill: A Ho Yuen Shan: A L Holding: S J Hosford: C L Hopkins: L A Hotchin: W J Houghton: B Houlgrave: E Howard: B Hughes: M M Hunt: R J James: L J Jardine: K S Johnson: E O R Jones: B P Kagoro: M Kavanagh: P A H Knell: G T Kelly: H N Kelly: Y M Kelly: W J Kenny: M E Kettyon: K M M Kerbey: B P Kinnier: S L Kirstup: E C Kissane: B M Knowles: C M Kopi: Lee Phaik Imm: M M Lagasterre: D A Loftus: J Logsworth: J P Mackechnie-Jarvis: C E Mackesy: J C Mackie: D Maher: J C Manley: D P Marsh: L A Marvin: A C Masten: S M McCall: S J McCoy: W McCullagh: U M McEvoy: M D McGinley: N W Mead: C L Measom: P M J Mellett: P A Mettam: A M Miller: J K Mogoya: F R Mohamed: H M Morgan: L R Morozz: M Moss: D F Naughton: Z R Nedd: V A Nelson: I Nicholas: U F Nixon: B I Nwogh: F O'Brien: D O'Callaghan: M M O'Keeffe: N P O'Keefe: J M O'Mahoney: M K O'Shea: J J Oakeshott: D R Oliver: R D Ormerod: R K Olim: M Pandit: S Paraghara: C W Parker: M J Partinson: G Pascoe: G W Pashley: R M Paterson: S B Pattimore: R V Patwardhan: G M Peters: J N Peters: S Phillips: M E Prescott: J M S Price: A Quinlan: Ramakrishnan Umesh: A C Randell: L J Rankine: H M Rayner: P A Reading: G A Redhead: A J Reville: G S Rice: D C Robertson: V Robinson: D E Roche: D A P Rose: S J Ross: S A Rossiter: M K Rowe: P Rowles: G M Ryan: L E Same: D J E Sandifer: D J Sarain: G A C Saunt: A C Savage: G L O Sawyerr: A M Sey: A H R Sharp: D V P Sheppard: L G Shirley: K R Simmons: P C Sine: D E Singh: D Smith: J S Smith: J M Smith: J J Smyth: S Spence: H M Stewart: D J Stockton: S M Swann: M A Sweeney: Tan Bee Ling: C E Taylor-Cummings: K Tench: C M P Thomas: E Thomas: N R Thomas: A C Thompson: C M Tona: E J Trapnell: R F Vallance: C A Vaughan: M K Vihali: S Wadhwa: M Waldron: K A Walker: O A K Walker: S G Walters: H E Wanstall: K Ward: N J Ward: M E Warren: J M Watters: B H Westwood: L M White: C P Wilkes: A D Williams: T M Williams: A Williamson: J J P Willis: J A Willott: M T Winters: E Wong Chi Sang: J F C Wort: A C C Wright: R C Zeauda.

OBITUARIES

OSCAR COLBURN

Oscar Colburn, CBE, a farmer who established the only new breed this century of British sheep, the Colbred, died on August 19 at the age of 65. He was born on January 14, 1925.

OSCAR Colburn developed a novel system of recording his Clun flock of sheep. This indicated the possibility of cross-breeding which led to the first new breed of sheep in this country — the Colbred — for more than 100 years.

Colburn found himself involved in sheep-breeding for a reason familiar to many arable farmers. To maintain soil fertility and avoid overcropping troubles, he had to introduce a grass break into the predominantly arable rotation, and having grown the grass, he had to use it. Colburn had difficulty in finding a breed of sheep able to make economical use of grass. The Colbred is a rather large, long-woolled sheep, with a white face and large, pinkish ears. It was satisfactorily established as a breed by 1963, after which attention was concentrated on its exploitation.

Colburn was also one of a handful of breeders to work on the polling character of Hereford cattle — producing them without horns — and in due course the bloodstock of his herd went all over the world. Without sacrificing the true Hereford character he was able to produce a pure poll breed.

At his first attempt, typically, he carried off the Smithfield Championship for the best beef animal in the show. All this important livestock breeding work was carried out on an arable farm which achieved production of the highest quality as well as being a showcase for the integration of commercial farming with landscape and wildlife interests.

Almost every farming honour came his way, culminating in the presentation of the Royal Agricultural Society of England's gold medal at this year's Royal Show for distinguished landownership. This was for someone who used to tell his friends that in his early days of farming, when questioned about a plough setting by his tractor driver, he would affect to hear the telephone and rush indoors to look at the plough instruction book.

Colburn's public work was equally distinguished: a Crown Estate Commissioner since 1976 — work he loved — High Sheriff, chairman of the local bench, and a host of other duties, all carried out selflessly, as too were all the calls made on him for advice from whether to buy a farm or how to invest some widow's mite. He was appointed CBE in 1981.

He was towards the end of his life in a modest way an author and his prose reflected his belief that the countryside - and its proper use by those who understood it - should be made resistant to the directives of quangos and officials. Science, he maintained quite correctly, should be put to good supportive use and not be allowed to become the master. His book, *Farmers Ordinary*, was published in 1989. When he was a member of the Northfield Committee he characteristically issued a minority report.

He served in the later stages of the second world war in the Far East where he ferried bombers, not always assembled with precision. In Ceylon, as it then was, he contracted polio. Told by his doctors that he was unlikely to recover fully, his response was briskly dismissive and by sheer determination he overcame all disabilities.

He settled down to farming at Northleach in the Gloucestershire Cotswolds in partnership with his father and embarked on an extraordinary and, some said at the time, a precocious series of pioneering activities, all of which proved highly successful.

Colburn was chairman of the Grasslands Research Institute 1976-84 and chairman of the consultative board of the Joint Consultative Organisation for Research and Development in Agriculture and Food, 1981-4.

Agriculture throws up from time to time men and women who not only excel in all they do on their farms but who feel a personal responsibility for helping others. In full measure, Colburn fulfilled this role. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters.

SIR ALEXANDER TURNBULL

Sir Alexander Cuthbert Turnbull, CBE, Nuffield Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Oxford University since 1973, died aged 65 on August 18. He was born on January 18, 1925.

ALEC Turnbull's reputation rested on the original work he did from the 1950s onwards to unravel the mechanism of women's labour in childbirth. He developed his work on induction of labour, which made him an international name, in stages, starting it in Aberdeen and then continued, refining and adapting it, when he was later in Cardiff and finally while in Oxford. His approach to the induction of labour resulted in a series of papers, with Dr Anne Anderson, published in the late 1960s, which revolutionised the approach to this aspect of childbirth. The approach he based on using intravenous oxytocin, a synthetic hormone. Using the technologies of the day, he developed an infusion pump, known as the "Cardiff pump", designed to give sufficient oxytocin needed to cause the uterus to contract to get labour established. The pump was widely adopted. However, and this effectively showed the stature of the man, when Turnbull noted that women in childbirth did not like mechanisation, he backed away from use of the Cardiff pump. In 1976, speaking at a meeting of the British, Irish and Canadian Medical Associations in Dublin, he explained the move away from induction was not because it was harmful but because it was doing no positive good in reducing perinatal mortality.

Always one to encourage young doctors to undertake a wide variety of research in their field, Turnbull in recent years in Oxford had promoted endometrial ablation as an alternative to hysterectomy when treating women who suffer from heavy periods. He was also pursuing the use of newer technologies for the assessment of fetal well-being during the antenatal and intrapartum periods.

Born in Aberdeen, Turnbull was educated at the Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, and Aberdeen Grammar School. After graduating MB, ChB from the university there in 1947, he did his national service in the Army, part of the time in India. His early specialised training was in Aberdeen where he came under the influence of Sir Dugald Baird; indeed it was here that he first became interested in the initiation of labour. He took the MRCOG in 1954 and three years later was appointed senior lecturer in Queen's College, Dundee, then part of St Andrew's University.

When the senior lecturer post in his old medical school became vacant in 1961 Turnbull moved back to Aberdeen, staying there until 1966. In the same year he was appointed to the chair of obstetrics and gynaecology at the Welsh National School of Medicine in Cardiff and elected a fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Later he was to receive that body's rarely awarded honorary fellowship and serve as senior vice-president. It was while in Cardiff that Turnbull started to influence the development of many now eminent obstetricians and gynaecologists.

In 1972 he was elected to the Nuffield chair, and on taking up the post became a fellow of Oriel College, Oxford in 1973. He developed a department with an international reputation.

Turnbull served on the Lane Committee, the clinical research board of the Medical Research Council, and on the council of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He loved travelling and with his speaking ability was much in demand at conferences in many parts of the world. He was knighted in 1988. His advice and counsel were widely sought and respected.

He is survived by his wife Elsie, also a doctor, and one daughter and one son.

MAURICE GENDRON

Maurice Gendron, French cellist and conductor, died on August 20, aged 69. He was born in Nice on September 26, 1920.

MAURICE Gendron was one of the leading cellists of his generation, notable as much for his chamber-music playing as for his appearances as a soloist. He had the typically French gifts of a lean, well-centred tone and elegance of style. He was a disciple of Casals, who conducted performances of the Haydn and Boccherini concertos with Gendron as the soloist, evidence enough of the older player's admiration for the younger. Latterly Gendron combined his career as a cellist with a new vocation as a conductor, where he revealed an appreciable knowledge of a wide repertory.

Gendron entered Nice's Music Conservatory at the age of 12. Five years later he went to the Paris Conservatoire to study with Gérard Hekking. There, in 1938, he took first prize in cello. He was soon in demand in the French capital as a soloist and was to be heard in the salons frequented by artists and writers. Picasso, Cocteau and Mauriac were among those who came to hear the young Gendron.

The war years interrupted his career and he only established himself on the international scene when it came to an end. Indeed it began in London as early as 1945, when he gave the first performance in Western Europe of Prokofiev's Cello Concerto, Op 58. There followed two recitals with Benjamin Britten which led to Gendron being invited to some of the earlier festivals at Aldeburgh. There his skills in chamber music came to the fore. About the same time Menuhin invited him to the Bath Festival, where he often played the solo concerto repertory with Menuhin conducting. Later he taught at the Menuhin School.

He was one of the first players to establish the importance of master classes, giving some at the Saarbrücken Academy as early as 1954. He was later a professor at the Paris Conservatoire. His work as a conductor included a spell with the Bournemouth Sinfonietta but he never gave up his most important career, as a cellist. In the early days of LP Gendron made a number of much acclaimed discs for Decca, some of them with Ansermet conducting, and his career in this field continued for another 35 years. Among his more recent recordings is one of the Bach unaccompanied suites, which has recently been reissued on CD. All these discs show his faultless legato and innate musicianship.

His native France appointed him Officer of the Legion of Honour.

THE REV PHILIP HAYLLAR

Philip Hayllar, Sussex parish priest, has died aged 80. He was born on June 21, 1910.

WHEN Winston Churchill was on his deathbed, his daughter Mary Soames sent for Philip Hayllar to pray by his bedside: he was an old family friend. She later wrote: "He came quietly into the house unremarked. My mother and I knelt on either side of my father's bed, while Philip Hayllar said some simple prayers and blessed him. Winston was now unconscious and slipping gradually into deeper sleep. We knew in our hearts that he was dying." Thousands more were similarly comforted by Hayllar in time of bereavement.

Philip Hayllar joined the church just before the outbreak of the second world war, in which he served as a naval chaplain. He had a spell as headmaster of a Hampshire public school, but gave up the post to devote himself full-time to the church. He became in turn rector of Uckfield, Eridge and Ringmer between the 1950s to the 1970s. In all three places he won many friends. He was very much a family priest, equally present for happy occasions and for crises, and especially sympathetic towards the problems of young people.

Hayllar was worldly in that he loved to enjoy himself over dinner and wine with his friends, and he enjoyed the theatrical side of the church. He was fond of music, especially jazz, and he would have liked the Anglican church to be more humorous. In Eridge he is remembered for the time when he suddenly became distracted in the middle of a sermon. He summoned a verger and some of his parishioners thought he had suddenly been taken ill but they were assured when he whispered loudly that he had left a chicken in the oven and it would be burned to a crisp. On another occasion he halted the singing to complain: "We are all here to enjoy ourselves. Let's start again and this time — Sing!" He was an eccentric, in the sense that he behaved like a priest from a time gone by — the heart and soul of his community. He exuded love and hope and was everything which should be most celebrated in a parish priest.

His wife, Dorothy, whom he married in 1973, survives him.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E. Dean and Miss C.L. Dean
Mr and Mrs J.B. Dean, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter Claire Louise, to Colin Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Dean, of Christchurch, Dorset.

Mr G. Ellis and Miss L. Brooks
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr Frank Ellis, of Harley Street, London, and of Mrs Daphne Ellis, of Abington Pigotts, Cambridgeshire, and Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Brooks, of Portishead, Bristol.

Captain J.B.M. Troughton and Miss R.C.V. Aubrey-Cound
The engagement is announced between Captain Jeremy Bryan Mark Troughton, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, son of Colonel and Mrs Christopher Troughton, of Fressingfield, Suffolk, and Rachael Caroline Violet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Rupert Aubrey-Cound, of Kegworth, Leicestershire.

Marriages

Mr D.J. Cairncross and Miss T. Ishii
The marriage took place on July 23, of David, son of Sir Alec and Lady Cairncross, of Oxford, and Tomiko, daughter of Mr and Mrs Masaichi Ishii, of Abiko, Japan.

Mr G.A. Blackburn-Hamilton and Miss S.M.C. Robarts
Mr G.A. Blackburn-Hamilton and Miss S.M.C. Robarts were married on August 16, 1990, at a private ceremony.

Major J.D. Page and Miss D.M. Davis
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 4, at Troon Old Parish Church, Ayrshire, of Jonathan David, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Page, of Norwich, Norfolk, to Deirdre Marion, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex Davis, of Kilwinning, Ayrshire. The Rev C.E. Offor officiated assisted by Dom Alban Crossley OSB.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alison, Jill and Jenna Crombie. Captain Michael Page, RM, was best man.

The reception was held at The Piersland House Hotel and the honeymoon was spent in Italy.

Archaeology

Copper mine yields evidence of prehistoric workings

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EVIDENCE of prehistoric copper mining has been found in Wales, indicating that the principal constituent of bronze may not have been imported into Britain, as has often been assumed. Radiocarbon dates suggest that the mines were operating as early as 2000 BC, shortly after the introduction of metal technology from the Continent.

The discoveries have emerged from excavations by the Early Mines Research Group, and especially from the current work by Simon Timberlake of the Geological Museum on Copa Hill in Dyfed. The site at Cwmystwyth is 1,500 ft above sea level, overlooking the remains of historic lead-mining operations in the Ystwyth Valley.

Excavations this year have uncovered the mouth of a cave-like gallery, buried beneath several yards of shale from erosion and 19th century workings. The roof of the gallery appears to have been pounded by stone hammers, and there is black staining which could be evidence of burning, or alternatively of a manganese salt. Mr Timberlake hopes to find evidence of firesetting, a primitive mining technique in which wood fires were used to shatter the rock face.

He has also discovered the copper sulphide ore chalcopyrite intimately associated with lead sulphide in the Copa Hill lode. He believes that the mine, which has so far produced dates as early as 1680 BC, may have yielded up to four tons of copper.

Hammers made from river cobbles have been found that are comparable with those discovered at the Mount Gabriel Bronze Age copper workings in southwest Ireland.

The Irish mines, and others in Wales identified in the 1930s and restudied by Mr Timberlake and his colleagues, date to the early second millennium BC, with Mount Gabriel possibly being exploited as early as 2100 BC and a mine at Parys Mountain, Anglesey, before to 2000 BC.

Suggestions that the radiocarbon dates were on fossil wood, and hence much older than the mining activity, have been refuted by the dating of bone from a sealed horizon at Great Orme's Head to between 1740 and 1440 BC.

"This provides even stronger evidence for the antiquity of this mine and, by inference, of the whole group," Ms Janet Ambers, of the British Museum's radiocarbon dating laboratory, said. "The use of radiocarbon dating has succeeded in establishing an Early or Middle Bronze Age date for the exploitation of copper at sites in the British Isles."

Grave thought to be of 8th century saint

THE grave of one of the earliest Welsh saints may have been found during the excavation of the church that held her shrine. Fragments of the shrine have also been recovered, and it is to be reconstructed in its original location (Norman Hammond writes).

The saint, Melangell, seems to have lived in the 8th century. The legend of her life survives in a 17th century transcript of a lost medieval document: a prince called Brochwell was hunting at Pennant, in the hills southwest of Llangollen, when his hounds startled a hare. It took refuge in a thicket, and was found hiding in a virgin's robes. The hounds fled, and the huntsman was unable to remove his horn from his lips. Brochwell was so impressed that he granted the valley to Melangell to found a religious community.

The place today is called Pennant Melangell, but the stone church dates only to the 12th century. Mr Robert Heaton, the architect who has overseen restoration work for more than 30 years, says that the original buildings would have been of timber. He said the stone church was built towards the end of the 12th century to protect the grave. The Romanesque shrine was erected at about the same time, no doubt to contain relics from the grave.

The rebuilt apse now protects a deep grave, within the line of the original apse, that is thought to have been traditionally identified as Melangell's.

Sufficient fragments of the shrine were known in 1958 for Dr C.A. Ralegh Radford and Mr W.J. Hemp to suggest a reconstruction; now that excavations have shown that the shrine stood in the chancel of the church, it has been decided to rebuild it there. Work will be completed next spring.

University news

Sheffield

Appointments to chairs

Adrian Saul, lecturer in engineering at the University of Manchester, took up a chair in Civil Engineering on February 1.

Dr Gordon Duff, senior lecturer in rheumatology and director of the molecular immunology group in the University of Edinburgh Medical School, has been appointed to the Lord Florey Chair of Medicine, with effect from September 1.

Professor Len Barton, professor of education at Bristol Polytechnic since 1989, has been appointed to the chair of education, with effect from September 1.

Dr Ian Peake, senior lecturer in haematology at the University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, since 1989, has been appointed to the Sir Edward Mellanby chair of molecular medicine, with effect from September 10.

Professor Charles Stirling, FRS, professor of organic chemistry at the University College of North Wales since 1969, has been appointed to the chair of organic chemistry, with effect from October 1.

Dr Maurice Skolnick, senior principal scientific officer at the Royal Signals & Radar Establishment, Malvern, has been appointed to the chair of experimental condensed matter physics, with effect from January 1, 1991.

Dr Anthony Weetman, lecturer in medicine at the University of Cambridge Clinical School, has been appointed to the Sir Arthur Hall chair of medicine, with effect from April 1 1991.

The following members of staff have been promoted to chairs, with effect from October 1.

Dr Ernest Bailey, reader and chair of the department of molecular biology & biotechnology since 1988.

Miss Anne Beer, senior lecturer since 1984 and head of the department of landscape architecture since 1985.

Dr Stephen Billings, reader in the department of control engineering since 1985.

Mr Roger Brownsword, reader in the faculty of law since 1988.

Dr Dennis Burton, Lister Institute Jenner fellow and senior lecturer in the department of molecular biology & biotechnology since 1987.

Dr Charles Choguill, reader and head of the department of town & regional planning since 1986.

Dr John Collis, reader in the department of archaeology & prehistory since 1984.

Dr Ian Dunsmore, senior lecturer since 1986 and head of the department of probability & statistics since 1988.

Dr David Fenton, reader in the department of chemistry since 1982.

Dr John Mayhew, senior research fellow since 1987 and scientific director of the artificial intelligence vision research unit since 1984.

Dr David Read, reader in the department of animal & plant sciences since 1981.

Mr Kenneth Rogers, senior lecturer in the department of surgery since 1981.

Dr Alan Yates, reader in the department of hispanic studies since 1986.

Promotions

The following members of staff have been appointed to readerships, with effect from October 1:

Dr T. R Birkhead (Animal & Plant Sciences), Dr J D Burnley (English Language & Linguistics), Mr W Carr (Education), Dr N Cowlam (Physics), Dr A D H Crook (Town & Regional Planning), Dr P R Davies (Biblical Studies), Mr A M Fleming (Archaeology & Prehistory), Mrs P M Hayes (Law), Dr D W Hughes (Physics), Dr C N Hunter (Molecular Biology & Biotechnology), Mr A J Jefferson (Criminological & Socio-Legal Studies), Dr W M Pickering (Applied & Computational Mathematics), Dr R C Rees (Experimental & Clinical Microbiology), Dr D W Rice (Molecular Biology & Biotechnology), Dr J H Sharp (Metals), Dr E A Towbridge (Medical Physics & Clinical Engineering), Mr L J C Woollliscroft (Control Engineering) (following promotion to Senior Lecturer).

The following members of staff have been promoted to senior lectureships, with effect from October 1.

Mr T A Booth (Sociological Studies), Mr W A Bullough (Mechanical & Process Engineering), Dr R J Carwardine (History), Dr J Hardcastle (Biomedical Science), Mr I J Hardie (Law), Dr P R Jackson (Medicine & Pharmacology), Dr D F St J Jesson (Education), Mr W E Lathe (Barrow (Russian & Slavonic Studies), Dr S Mitchell (Medicine), Dr R J Plank (Architectural Studies), Mr D R Phillips (Sociology), Dr Sandhu, Ms B A Pope (Sociological Studies), Dr I C C Pyrah (Civil & Structural Engineering), Mr P J Smith (Philosophy), Mr J J Wellington (Education), Dr G White (Chemistry), Dr A S I Zinober (Applied & Computational Mathematics).

Other promotions to senior posts from October 1:

Dr G Hill, SERC Central Facility for III-V Semiconductors (Research & Analogous Grade III), Dr R Hunt, SERC Unit of Comparative Plant Ecology (Research & Analogous Grade III), Mr C O Lego, University Computer (Administrative Staff Grade V), Mr D W Morrison, Data Processing Unit (Administrative Staff Grade V).

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown.
St. Mark 4 : 14,15 N.I.V.

BIRTHS

BEAK - On August 16th, in Sydney, Australia, to Philippa (née Hession) and David, a daughter, Lucinda Kate, a sister for William.

BERGNE - On August 17th, to Debbie-Rae and Giles, a daughter, Carmen A'Court.

CHRISTINA-ANDERSON - On August 20th, to Joanna Christina (née Hossack) and Stephen Anderson, a beautiful son.

CLOWES - On August 19th, to Emma and Benjamin, a son, Arthur Henry Beaufoy.

DAWSON - On August 20th, to Angela (Minns) and Michael, a son, stillborn, brother to Annabelle and Alexander.

GREGORY - On August 20th, to Caroline (née Hext) and Charles, a son, Oliver Charles.

HART - On July 23rd, at The Farnborough Hospital, to Tania (née Grech-Ellul) and Nicholas, a daughter, Fay Joan Ann, a sister for Guy.

HAVELANGE - On August 12th, at Brugmann Hospital, Brussels, to Joanna (née Green) and Guy, a son, William Armand Simon.

HOBBS - On August 21st, at The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Caroline (née Howe) and Simon, the gift of a son, Oliver David John.

HOHORST - On August 17th 1990, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Katharine (née O'Brien) and James, a son, James Justus, little brother of Louise.

HUGHES - On August 9th, to Judy (née Stott) and Richard, a daughter, Molly Alice.

HUNT - On August 13th 1990, to Alice (née Marshall) and David, a daughter, Philippa Clare, granddaughter for Jane and Kenneth, Elspeth and Geoffrey.

JORDAN - On August 18th, to Maria (née Scott) and Nicholas, a son, Thomas Peter Nicholas.

RINDER - On August 19th, at The Portland Hospital, in London, to Deborah (née Dubé) and Mark, of Richmond, Surrey, a daughter, Lauren Leonore.

SHERRATT - On August 18th, to Glynis (née Rees) and John, a son, Thomas Huw Rees, a brother for James.

SLADE - On August 14th, to Sarah (née Russell) and David, a son, Edward Hugo Hastings, a brother for Alexandra and Lydia.

SUTTON - On August 18th 1990, to Jane (née Bird) and Richard, a son, Hugo George Richard, a brother for Sophie.

TASKER - On August 14th, to Stacey and Ron, an adorable daughter, Poppy.

WILLIAMS - On August 15th 1990, to Jennifer (née Moore) and Colin, a daughter, Sarah Helen.

MARRIAGES

DOWBIGGIN:ATCHERLEY
At St Mary The Boltons, SW10. On August 18th, Richard to Anita (née Leslie).

PEAKE:KREYER - On August 18th 1990, at St Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, Michael Eric Adam Peake to Philippa Catherine Kreyer.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

OSMOND:MOIR - On August 20th 1940 at the Register Office, Marloes Road, Kensington, London, Mervyn Victor Osmond to Aimée Margaret Moir. Present address: 39 Stonehill Road, London SW14.

DEATHS

ACKROYD - On August 18th, The Rev'd Christopher Ackroyd, of York, formerly of Harden Hall, Bingley, aged 85. Beloved husband of Margaret, father of Jane and Elizabeth, brother of Ruth. Funeral on Thursday August 23rd in St Stephen's Church, Acomb, York, at 2 pm followed by private cremation. At his request, no flowers please, donations if desired to St Leonard's Hospice, York, or The York Samaritans.

BERRY - On August 17th 1990, in Adelaide, Australia, Clarice Mary (Tod). Only daughter of George and Mary Fitzwilliam. Granddaughter of Thomas A Sabin. Wife of William A. Berry (deceased) and John G. Tibbett (deceased). Mother of Joan Vovers. Grandmother of Anne, Peter, Tony, Michael, Mary and Tom. Stepmother of Jillian Kane and loved nanna of Tony Kane, Roberta Gray and Shirley O'Brien. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Clarice Mary Berry was celebrated in St Paul of the Cross Church, 15 Glen Osmond Road, Glen Osmond, Adelaide, South Australia on Monday August 20th at 11.30 am. Frank J. Siebert, 49 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, South Australia.

BOND - On August 16th 1990, peacefully in his sleep after a long illness bravely borne, Leslie William George Arthur, aged 79 years. Beloved husband of Dot, father of Susan and Christopher. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale, SW15, Thursday August 23rd at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Enquiries F.W. Paine F/D. (081) 546-4813.

BOWLES - On Tuesday August 14th 1990, tragically in a mid-air collision, Flt Lt Stan Bowles RAF, with his pilot Maj Dennis Wise USAF. Proudly remembered by his colleagues on the Tornado Weapons Conversion Unit/45 Squadron RAF Honington.

BOYDEN - On August 20th 1990, in St Barnabas Hospice, Lincoln, after a long illness. C.S.H.N. (Bill). Funeral Service, Lincoln Crematorium, 1.50 pm Friday August 24th. No flowers please, donations to The World Wildlife Fund, Barnados, or St Barnabas Hospice, Lincoln.

BREWSTER - On August 19th, Winifred Kate (née Bertie), peacefully, in St Catherine's Manor Nursing Home, Guildford, aged 99. Very dear mother of Patricia Grayburn, mother-in-law, grandmother and aunt. Funeral 1 pm Thursday August 23rd, at Guildford Crematorium. Enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services. (0483) 67333.

BRUMMER - On Thursday August 9th 1990, unexpectedly, Gerald. Beloved husband of Anna and father of Ben, Annelies, Bart, Dirk and Robert, and grandfather to Wayne, Anouk and Karl. The cremation took place at Tunbridge Wells. He will never be forgotten for all his funny ways and he will be very sadly missed.

CASTLE - On August 19th in San Diego, California, Derek L. Montefiore Castle, Commander R.A.N.V.R. (ret'd), aged 84, after a long illness. Beloved brother of Nancy and Doreen.

CHAMBERLIN - On August 20th, peacefully at home, Kathleen Mary (Katie), beloved wife of Dr. J. Chamberlin and mother of Richard, Andrew and Jane. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Lenham, on Tuesday August 28th at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust c/o Macmillan Unit, Salisbury. Further enquiries to A.W. Court Funeral Director (0580) 713636.

EALAND - On August 18th, at Townlands, Henley-on-Thames, quietly, with peace and enormous courage which inspired her family and friends around her, especially throughout her year long tragic illness, Fiona Cynthia (née Fortune) aged 37 years. Wife of David, mother of Olivia, Duncan and Donald, stepmother to James; daughter of John and Cynthia Fortune. Fiona's courage, love and happiness will inspire us all forever. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at Fawley Church, near Henley at 11 am, Friday August 31st. Donations to the Department of Human Anatomy, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3QX (c/o Prof. Guillery, tel: 0865-272169).

FISHER - On August 17th, suddenly, aged 85, Patty, widow of the late Cornelius Fisher, dearest and courageous sister of Alan and Eleanor and much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at St Paul's Church, Four Elms, Kent, on Wednesday August 29th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please.

FRANKLIN - On August 20th, peacefully at Heatherleigh, Grindleford, Winifred Lyell (nee Bone), aged 84, widow of Roy Franklin former Town Clerk of Finchley, much loved mother of Angela, Susan and Diana. Private family funeral. No flowers, but donations if desired to the NSPCC.

GIBSON - On August 18th, at home, Charles Gordon, beloved husband of Ann, loving grandfather of Clare and Sean. Funeral 2.15 pm on Friday August 24th at Downs Crematorium, Brighton. Donations to Christ's Hospital School, Horsham, Sussex.

GREGSON-WILLIAMS - On August 18th, Richard, peacefully after a long illness which he suffered so bravely. Dearly loved son, brother, father and grandfather, he will be greatly missed. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be announced. If desired, donations to Musicians' Benevolent Fund c/o L.F. Linlott & Son, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex.

GROVE - On August 17th 1990, Gwyneth Violet, peacefully in hospital in Wimbledon after a short illness, aged 83. Loved sister of Harry and Nancy and aunt of Charlotte, Judith, Robert and Susan. Formerly Head of the English Department at Hammersmith County School for Girls. Funeral private.

KING - On August 19th 1990, at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Aileen King C.B.E., of Copthorne, Shrewsbury. Funeral Service at Christchurch, Shelton and Oxon., on Friday August 24th at 3.15 pm, followed by cremation. Enquiries please to W.R.R. Pugh & Sons, 133 Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury, tel: Shrewsbury (0743) 4646.

L'ESTRANGE - On August 18th 1990, Laurence Percy Farrer (Larry), peacefully at The Royal Surrey County Hospital. Much beloved by Barbara, his sons Larry and John and his grandchildren Fiona, Guy, Julia and Shane. Cremation service at The Broadwater Crematorium, New Pond Lane, Guildford, on Thursday August 23rd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the R.N.L.I. and Dr. Barnado's Home to J. Monk & Sons, 3 Artillery Terrace, Guildford.

PALFERMAN - On August 15th, Washington D.C., Tom, dearest husband of Connie, beloved father of Tom, Diane and Eric, loving grandfather of seven. Now returned home. Funeral Service at 12.45 pm on Friday August 24th St Giles Parish Church, Chalfont-St-Giles, Buckinghamshire and afterwards at Amersham Crematorium, Buckinghamshire. Flowers or donations. Flowers to H.C. Grimstead Funeral Directors, Chapel of Rest, Churchfield Road, Chalfont-St-Peter, Buckinghamshire. Donations to R.N.L.I.

PEPPERDINE - On August 20th, peacefully at Baycourt Nursing Home, Budleigh Salterton, Evelyn Edith, aged 89, wife of the late Robert Southwell Pepperdine. Funeral Service at St John-in-the-Wilderness Church, Exmouth, Friday August 24th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation.

PERREN - On August 20th, as a result of a tragic accident climbing The Matterhorn, Hermann. Beloved husband of Chantal (née Norman) and father of Lisa, Timothy and David. Sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral to be held in the Catholic Church in Zermatt, Switzerland, on Thursday August 23rd at 10.30 am. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to The Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, for Cancer Research.

PLATT - On August 20th, peacefully at Eastbury Manor Nursing Home, Barbara, retired Headmistress of St Catherine's School, Bramley, Guildford. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Friday August 24th at 10am. No flowers, but donations to any animal charity through Pimms Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford.

PORTER - On August 15th 1990, in hospital in Cumbria, Barbara Bright, aged 92 years. Formerly of Storth and Sheffield. Funeral Service at Lancaster/Morecambe Crematorium on Friday August 24th at 11.30 am. Enquiries to Edward Duckett & Son, Greenside, Holme, nr. Carnforth, Lancs., tel: (0524) 781232.

POWELL-EVANS - On August 18th 1990, Dr. John Powell-Evans, peacefully in Garn Dolbenmaen, beloved husband of the late Irene (deceased November 4th 1988). Sadly missed by his family. Cremation family only. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Dolbenmaen, 3.30 pm on Wednesday August 22nd. No flowers, but donations to Christian Aid c/o H.O. Davies Ltd., 29 High Street, Bangor, Gwynedd.

REID - On August 16th, Robert William, on his farm at Morewood, Hamstead Marshall, dearly loved and loving son of Nancy Reid, brother of Marie and father to Camilla and Matthew. Funeral strictly family only. Donations, if desired, to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG. A Memorial Service will be held in Newbury at a date to be announced.

SAVERY - On August 18th, peacefully in hospital, Thomas Servington, aged 66 years. Private cremation. Memorial Service on Wednesday August 29th at 2.30 pm at Broadwell Parish Church, Broadwell, Gloucestershire. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

TETTENBORN - On August 19th 1990 at The Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Philip Arthur, of Belper, Derby, aged 77 years. Dearly loved father of Richard, Michael and the late Jane. Funeral Wednesday August 29th, service 1.45 pm at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby. No flowers please, donations in lieu may be sent to The Mark Benevolent Fund (1996 Festival) c/o 457 Burton Road, Derby.

WHALL - On August 19th, peacefully, Thomas John, aged 77 years, of Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire. A dear husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service will be held in St Peter and St Paul's Church, Syston, on Friday August 24th at 10 am, followed by cremation at Loughborough. Donations if desired would be appreciated for Launde Abbey c/o G. Gamble & Sons Funeral Directors, 101 Meeting Street, Quorn, Loughborough, Leics, LE12 8AQ, tel: (0509) 415415.

WISE - On Tuesday August 14th 1990, tragically in a mid-air collision, Maj Dennis Gene Wise USAF, with his navigator Flt Lt Stan Bowles. Proudly remembered by his colleagues on the Tornado Weapons Conversion Unit/45 Squadron RAF Honington.

WRIGHT - On Friday August 17th, suddenly as the result of an accident, Ralph, aged 60. Funeral Service at The Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, on Friday August 24th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations welcome to The Wessex Medical School Trust c/o John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. "Beloved and loving man; with us always".

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THE SHAH IN LONDON

The Shah's visit to the factory of the Sir Hiram Maxim Electrical and Engineering Company, yesterday morning, revealed him in a new light. He showed himself to be a man of great intelligence, keenly interested in modern appliances, and capable of understanding them rapidly and thoroughly. Of the many things he saw and examined the one he singled out for the closest attention was the most scientific of them all, and he asked a very penetrating question about it. But he was interested in everything, and had to be almost dragged away to lunch at the Persian Legation. He quite unbent, made a good joke, and laughed heartily more than once. In short the visit was a very pleasant affair, and highly successful from every point of view. It had been arranged through Mr Sigismund Moritz, the Consul-General for Persia in Scotland, and combined an exhibition of two modern but very different products — the guns made by Vickers, Sons, and Maxim, and the electric lamps manufactured by the company, to whose premises the visit was made. With regard to the former, it appears that Sir Hiram Maxim showed one of his guns to the late Shah, who fired it off in the grounds of Buckingham Palace on the occasion of his last visit, and doubtless related the incident when he got home. At any rate, Sir Hiram received an intimation some weeks ago that his Majesty, who has shown a marked interest in everything in this country connected with his father, would like to see the guns; but it was found that he could not spare the time to go down to the range at Erith and see them properly at work. In the meantime, however, Mr. Moritz had arranged the visit to the factory at Pimlico, and the company, which also manufactures Sir Hiram's inventions, happily put the two things together and permitted the guns to be shown in their yard.

A short complimentary address was read by Mr. de Meray thanking his Majesty for the honour of the visit ... The Shah replied in a few words, and then promptly fastened on the nearest gun, which happened to be a Pom-pom. He closely examined it, and asked a number of questions — how it was aimed, what was the range, whether the bullet exploded, what the shoulder-piece was for, and if there was any recoil. He had it all explained by Sir Hiram through an interpreter, for though his Majesty speaks French he does not do so very willingly, but, like a wise man, prefers his own tongue ... After the Pom-pom the Shah went on to the little gun commonly known as the Maxim. He had the mechanism explained, and after seeing a few blank cartridges fired, he sat down and fired several rounds himself, trying it again and again, and nodding with great satisfaction at the ease of working and the rapidity of the fire — 600 bullets a minute. The next was a field gun, and the very latest thing in artillery ... One of the most practical advantages possessed by it is that when it has once been "anchored" by the first shot fired there is no subsequent movement of the carriage whatever, the whole of the recoil being absorbed by hydraulic buffers and springs attached to the cylinder. The Shah spent a long time over this gun, which was explained by Lieutenant Dawson, and obviously appreciated its points ...

The guns had given so much satisfaction that the Shah was quite ready to go on and see the manufacture of electrical lamps, which is carried on at the factory and was in full swing at the time ... If any philosophical reader is moved by what I have said about the Shah's interest in the weapons of destruction, to muse upon the evil tendency of despotism in that direction, let me hasten to assure him that the Oriental autocrat of the 20th century displayed, if possible, an even greater interest in the distinctly peaceful art of lighting a house by electricity ...

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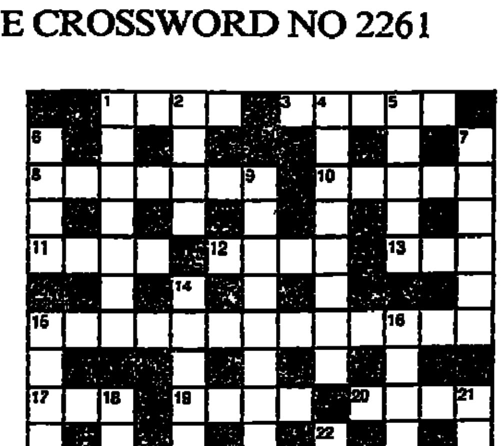

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Brave pilot boards a leaky vessel

THE PRESS

Charles Wintour

With heartfelt relief Nick Shott, the chief executive of the soon to be tabloid *Sunday Correspondent*, was finally able to announce last week that he had a new editor with impeccable credentials in both the quality and tabloid fields — John Bryant, deputy editor of *The Times* and a former executive editor in charge of features at the *Daily Mail*. Clearly Mr Bryant had hesitated for a few days, for at least three other names were being canvassed during that period. In the end the challenge to save a newspaper which most observers had given up for dead proved irresistible.

The odds are heavily against him. He lacks both time and money. Details of the refinancing package have been scanty, but it is known that Robert Maxwell has now joined the principal backers and has become the fourth-largest shareholder. Following the breakdown of its negotiations to take a stake in *The Independent*, the Tribune company of Chicago made a further contribution and so, despite an earlier board decision to commit no more money, did the Guardian company, if only on a limited scale. But raising the cash proved hard going. Contrary to earlier speculation that the *Correspondent* obtained a further £10 million, I believe that the total was not much more than £7 million.

If £1.5 million of that sum is spent on the relaunch in a tabloid format, and some part of it, say £500,000, has already been spent just keeping the paper alive prior to the relaunch, then Mr Bryant has to work the miracle before Christmas, say in the 16 weeks after the first Sunday in September. (The period immediately after Christmas is never too buoyant and after that money could be running out fast.) For a Sunday newspaper that means just 16 issues.

An additional problem is the advertising recession, which is affecting all quality newspapers. A newspaper like the *Correspondent*, with a current sale of only 155,000, is in a weak position to pitch for a bigger share of the advertising spend, and lack of advertising affects space. In broadsheet pages last Sunday the *Sunday Telegraph* carried 60 pages (including the Appointments section); the *Observer* mustered 72 (including eight in its "Schools Out" section); the *Independent on Sunday* had 74 (including 18 in its Business section and 28 in its Review) and *The Sunday Times* scored 92 in six sections, excluding the *Funday Times* cartoons. But the *Correspondent* could boast only 48 pages — a crippling handicap on a day so pregnant with news.

Mr Bryant will also have to face the high cost of editorial coverage of the Gulf. At present his paper appears to have just one man in the Middle East. That will not be enough if a shooting war breaks out. And, as editor of a stand alone newspaper, he cannot share the expense with a daily brother. Perhaps *The Guardian* could help out.

Of course a shooting war, as opposed to the present period of rising tension, might help circulation. The quality market is suffering the usual seasonal decline as people go on holiday and students return home and read the family paper instead of buying one for themselves. But rising tension in the Gulf seems to have caused some reversal of the usual trend. At least some of the broadsheets seem to be benefiting from the pages of description and analysis, much of it of the highest quality, which they are offering their readers.

So what can be said on the positive side? First, there will be a big curiosity sale when the paper goes tabloid. After so much publicity about the *Correspondent*'s difficulties many disenchanted former readers may be tempted to give it another try. And some of those people who complain that there's "too much to read" on Sundays might just conceivably be persuaded to see if the new formula works for them.

Then Mr Bryant must believe that he can transform the features side of the paper, which has so far proved a horrible disappointment. The "Section Two" front, which should be one of the main selling points of the paper, has been appallingly weak.

The decision not to "buy in" material was mistaken. While the established Sundays get the pick of the best sellers, there are plenty of books from which one extract is well worth buying, and the cost need not be high. And if Mr Bryant can find just one outstanding columnist he can dispense with most of the rest.

Above all, the look of the new tabloid is crucial. The present broadsheet seems cold and uninviting. The *Correspondent* provides an excellent news service; it just needs better projection. Mr Bryant might find it worthwhile to glance at the *London Daily News*, whose typography combined quality and verve. But that might be tempting fate too far. Anyway, he deserves the best of luck for his courage. All will be clear by Christmas, if not before.

From dole queue to press gang

The Manchester *Area News* is both a thriving publication and a rare training ground. Bernard Silk reports

QUAY PHOTOGRAPHIC

Area composition: Sharon Merchant and Peter Hamilton make up pages that will go into 35,000 homes

There is no doubt that *Area News* is a success: only six months old, it began as a monthly, is now published fortnightly, and may soon go weekly. But it is also the first local newspaper of its type in the country, having taken 23 young men and women off the dole queues of inner Manchester and put them to work as reporters.

Set up with aid of a government grant and private funding, *Area News* is attracting advertising from local businesses and should eventually become self-supporting: quite a feat considering no conventional local papers have been published on its patch — some of the city's poorest and worst regarded areas — for years.

The man behind the venture is John Elliott, aged 30, a journalist who has freelanced for BBC radio and television, and lives in Moss Side, where *Area News* has its headquarters.

"Living here, I saw the need for a local paper and also the number of bright youngsters, black and white, who were out of work," he says. "I thought if we could set up a paper using some sort of elementary training scheme, then youngsters who might not otherwise have a chance to get into journalism could sample it and perhaps go further."

Eventually, after four years, Mr Elliott persuaded the trade and industry department to back his vision with cash under its Inner City Task Force scheme. Any eventual profit — and Mr Elliott predicts the paper should be in profit by next year — will be ploughed back into community schemes.

The stake has gone towards renting an office, leasing equipment, paying the (small) staff and giving grants to trainees, all of whom must have at least five O-levels. They undergo a year's training at a city college for at least 2½ days a week, learning shorthand, news writing, journalists' law and how to operate a desktop publishing system.

Mr Elliott says some of the staff have already received job offers from local media. An advertising representative has gone to work at Piccadilly Radio, the city's local commercial station, and editorial offers have been made by Sunset Radio, one of the new independent local radio franchisees. So far, all the trainees — a third are black — have elected to complete training at *Area News*. "This is on the job training," Mr Elliott says. "It is a real paper. They know they cannot make a cock-up. Local people are absolutely chuffed. They have a paper which reflects their doings with hard news and human interest stories, while small businesses have somewhere to advertise at reasonable cost. We get people popping in with stories or writing to us. Most local organisations are aware of us and we were recently asked to set up a school newspaper."

The youthful reporters are supervised by experienced journalists such as David Taylor, the chief reporter, and Shaun Lambert, the managing editor. Mr Lambert says: "To throw people into the deep end like this is taking a chance, and obviously some pick things up easier than others. But the high standard has surprised me. We have had some good papers, the equal of anything produced by professionals. We are encouraging them to find places with more mainstream papers, and I think a number of them will become successful in other parts of the media."

Edward Koehler, aged 20, hopes to work in television one day. "I have spoken to people who have been on other employment training schemes and they can be pretty useless. But this is great: You train as you work, which I imagine is the best way to learn journalism. I got the front page lead in the paper's second issue, and I am proud of that."

Area News is distributed, free, to 35,000 homes throughout Moss Side, Levenshulme, Rusholme, Whalley Range, Old Trafford, and Longsight. All the trainees live within the circulation area, where unemployment is a problem — about 15 per cent of the people are out of work.

"Conventional newspapers must have felt it was not commercially viable to set up in this part of town," says Mr Elliott, who also has apprentice advertising staff on his team. "Obviously they were wrong. We are getting advertisements from local shops and national superstores — just the sort of mix you would get in a normal weekly."

Simon Fahe, who runs a furniture store in Whalley Range and has taken a half-page advertisement in every edition of the newspaper, says: "The paper seems to be pulling people into our shop and the advertising rate compares well with other media."

The younger members of Britain's Jewish community will soon have their own alternative *Time Out*

A New Moon waxes

A NEW moon is about to rise over Britain's 350,000-strong Jewish community, with the publication of the preview edition of a monthly arts and current affairs magazine on September 13.

New Moon has been set up by a group of young Jewish journalists and business people, who claim that their generation is poorly served by existing publications such as the weekly *Jewish Chronicle*. *New Moon*'s founders have worked or work for *Spitting Image*, the television programme, a range of publications including *The Sunday Times Magazine*, *Time Out* and *The Independent*, as well as Abbott Mead Vickers, the advertising agency.

The magazine is targeted at the 18 to 40 age group and aims to be a national Jewish version of *Time Out*. At its core will be comprehensive free listings of Jewish interest activities across Britain. "We felt it was time we had a publication to address our concerns and interests rather than those of our parents," said Matthew Calman, aged 29, the editor. "Our market research showed that most young Jews do not read *The Jewish Chronicle* and see it as being out of touch.

"The *Chronicle* is an important Anglo-Jewish institution and we are not in competition with it — but there is no reason why one newspaper should satisfy all the needs of the community."

New Moon's first preview edition, with a print run of 20,000, includes an interview with Woody Allen and features on Jewish prostitution and the Jewish Film Festival. More than 500 subscribers have paid between £15 and £100 to raise £20,000 so far. Full monthly publication starts next February.

The launch of *New Moon* coincides with an editorial shake-up at *The Jewish Chronicle*. Ned Temko, aged 37, takes the editor's chair on September 3.

"I don't see *New Moon* as competition," Mr Temko said. "The more the merrier."

ADAM LEBOR

Waging the war of words

From Henry V's speech before Harfleur to the sneers of Lord Haw-Haw and the bloodcurdling threats of Saddam Hussein, military propaganda has always been with us, George Hill reports

Alcohol is banned in Saudi Arabia, and opportunities to fraternise with the locals are limited. American servicemen thrown into the armed waiting game on the borders of Kuwait may find plenty of time on their hands to tune to Baghdad radio, where Saddam Hussein's "Lord Haw-Haw" has begun trying to woo them into despondency, with a honeyed and insinuating commentary reminiscent of the broadcasts beamed into Britain from Germany during the second world war.

This is a familiar strategem of psychological warfare, using the soft and the hard approaches hand in hand to influence enemy forces. The broadcasts of Willam Joyce, "Lord Haw-Haw", were part of a campaign by Dr Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister, to undermine Britain's will to fight with a mixture of threats and blandishments. The campaign included a jazz band and a bogus "Christian pacifist" channel, in addition to Joyce's stream of compelling mockery.

In the Pacific war the Japanese tried similar methods against the Americans. "Tokyo Rose" broadcast sweet music and asked GIs: "Why are you fighting a useless war here, when civilians are seducing your girlfriends back at home?"

The British, too, used "soft" tactics in the Falklands war. "The Ministry of Defence requisitioned a BBC transmitter, and started a radio station called Radio Atlantico del Sur, aimed at the forces occupying the islands," says Robert Harris, author of *Gotcha*, a book about the conflict. "They transmitted news favourable to the British, and showed off how much they knew about dispositions in the islands by presenting sentimental music as record requests by particular units."

For connoisseurs of the art of military propaganda, the events in the Gulf are already shaping up as an intriguing contest. "Both sides have been brilliantly skilful in their different ways," says Philip Knightly, the author of *The First Casualty*, a study of how truths, half-truths and lies have been deployed in war from the Crimea to Vietnam. "Western governments and media have linked Saddam's name with Hitler's and coined epithets like "madman" or "bonkers". Iraq has been quick to catch up by calling George Bush a liar who is cheating his own people, and by using western hostages as a threat."

To non-Arab ears, the highly coloured rhetoric pouring from Baghdad sounds as bizarre as it is horrific, while much of the western response has been studiedly laconic. But an intense calculation of audiences and effects lies behind Iraq's gleeful assertions that captured enemy pilots will be "immediately devoured", as it does behind President Bush's decision to conduct operations from the golf-course at Kennebunkport, and Mrs Thatcher's reluctance to recall parliament.

Baghdad's histrionics invoke an idiom that is likely to arouse as much contempt as fear in the West today. But they come from a time-honoured tradition. Saddam's worst menaces sound mild compared with the catalogue of threatened butchery and rape that Shakespeare's Henry V uses to force the capitulation of the city of Harfleur. In neighbouring countries to Iraq, its claim to be fighting on behalf of the whole Arab world against the western oppressor is likely to find many sympathetic hearers.

Germany calling: Lord Haw-Haw's listeners melted as Churchill's voice began to be heard

Saddam has been compared with Hitler; Iraq has said Bush is cheating his own people

A new dimension has been given to the art of propaganda in this century with the advent of broadcasting. "It is probably true that the Iraqi people today are less isolated from outside opinion than the German people were in Hitler's day, because of the invention of the transistor radio," Knightly says. "Leaders can no longer go to war on the assumption that their people will only be able to hear their own side of the story."

Outsiders find it hard to calculate what impact the spectacle of the United Nations's swift and relatively concerted response to Saddam's aggression in Kuwait may be having on the suppressed feelings of the Iraqi population, or in its ruling circles.

By contrast, the reactions of western nations to Saddam's exploitation of westerners stranded in Iraq and Kuwait have been strong and fully visible. But it is yet to be seen whether the effect will work in Saddam's favour, as he must calculate, or against him.

While Saddam's spokesmen uninhibitedly evoke images of corpses in shrouds, and child hostages going hungry, the White House has fastidiously sought out words that do not inflame and are legally neutral — "interdiction" instead of "blockade".

In recent days, there has been a measured escalation, not in aggressiveness but in gravity, with Mr Bush reminding Americans that "personal sacrifices" may be needed.

Ever since Vietnam, American administrations have been keenly aware of the danger that a conflict can be lost because public support at home melts away, once the price to be paid becomes clear on the nation's television screens. Vietnam left many military planners and workers in the western media doubting (in the words of Robin Day at a Royal United Services Institution seminar on the subject in 1970) whether "a democracy which has uninhibited television coverage in every home will ever be able to fight a war, however just . . . Blood looks very red on the colour television screen."

The techniques of rhetoric and psychological warfare can be used to bully, to deceive and to undermine. But they can also prepare a country in the face of a challenge that cannot be shirked. Lord Haw-Haw's audience in Britain was at its greatest in the early months of the "phoney war", when the whole thing was still a bit of a joke. When the real conflict arrived, his listeners began to desert him, as a stronger and more credible voice began to be heard on the air — that of Churchill.

Scuppering the Aegean pirates

British companies go to law to stop a lucrative racket in TV 'signal theft'

British television companies have declared war on broadcasting piracy in Greece, where operators are being prosecuted for the first time.

After the deregulation of television in Greece, some new broadcasters are illegally using British and American material in a way that could be copied by other developing television nations.

"Signal theft" consists of broadcasting programmes illegally picked up from satellite transmissions. Both signal theft and another form of television industry piracy, which involves the transmission of standard video cassettes without first buying the rights, happen in many countries. But the British Television Distributors Association (BTDA), the Independent Programme Producers Association (IPPA) and the Motion Pictures Export Association of America (MPEAA) have identified Greek broadcasters as the worst culprits and are poised to mount prosecutions. The problem is not with the state broadcasters, or the new national commercial networks Mega and Antenna, but with some of the 50 or so small regional companies, according to Justin Hatfield, a director of the distribution company RPTA Prime Time. "But it is growing generally across the world as a result of deregulation," he says. "Also, the technology is making it easier."

Hijacked: the *Jungle Book*

Eight weeks ago the BTDA set up a piracy committee to take control of the initiative, and following the employment of a local legal advisor and media monitors, three cases of alleged theft have been identified.

Survival, a programme owned by Itel, the distribution company used by Anglia TV, the film *Jungle Book*, for which Central TV owns the rights, and the film *Anastasia*, which is owned by an independent company named Consolidated, were all recorded broadcast illegally.

The BDTA has no idea how the companies got hold of the programmes, but the video rental business recently collapsed in Greece with the advent of the new television channels and so, according to Mr Hatfield, "there are an awful lot of spare video cassettes around that are very easy for unscrupulous people to get their hands on". One regional broadcaster has already been served with a court injunction to prevent further use of material and faces prosecution. Other prosecutions may follow. Estimating the damage caused by pirating is difficult but, typically, an hour's broadcasting in Greece bought legitimately would cost about £1,250.

Harlan Moen, the managing director of the London office of the MPEAA, assesses losses at millions of dollars and says Greece, Portugal and the Middle East — where the home video market is 100 per cent pirate — are all culprits.

The broadcasters are anxious to make an example of Greece, although it is not a large source or revenue, because stations there want to broadcast to other countries. There is a fear that Eastern Europe, where private television companies are starting up, might try to do the same.

Fred Hasson, the deputy director at IPPA, says: "We think that Eastern Europe opening up will make things worse." He has organised a meeting in Brussels to try to get the law enforced.

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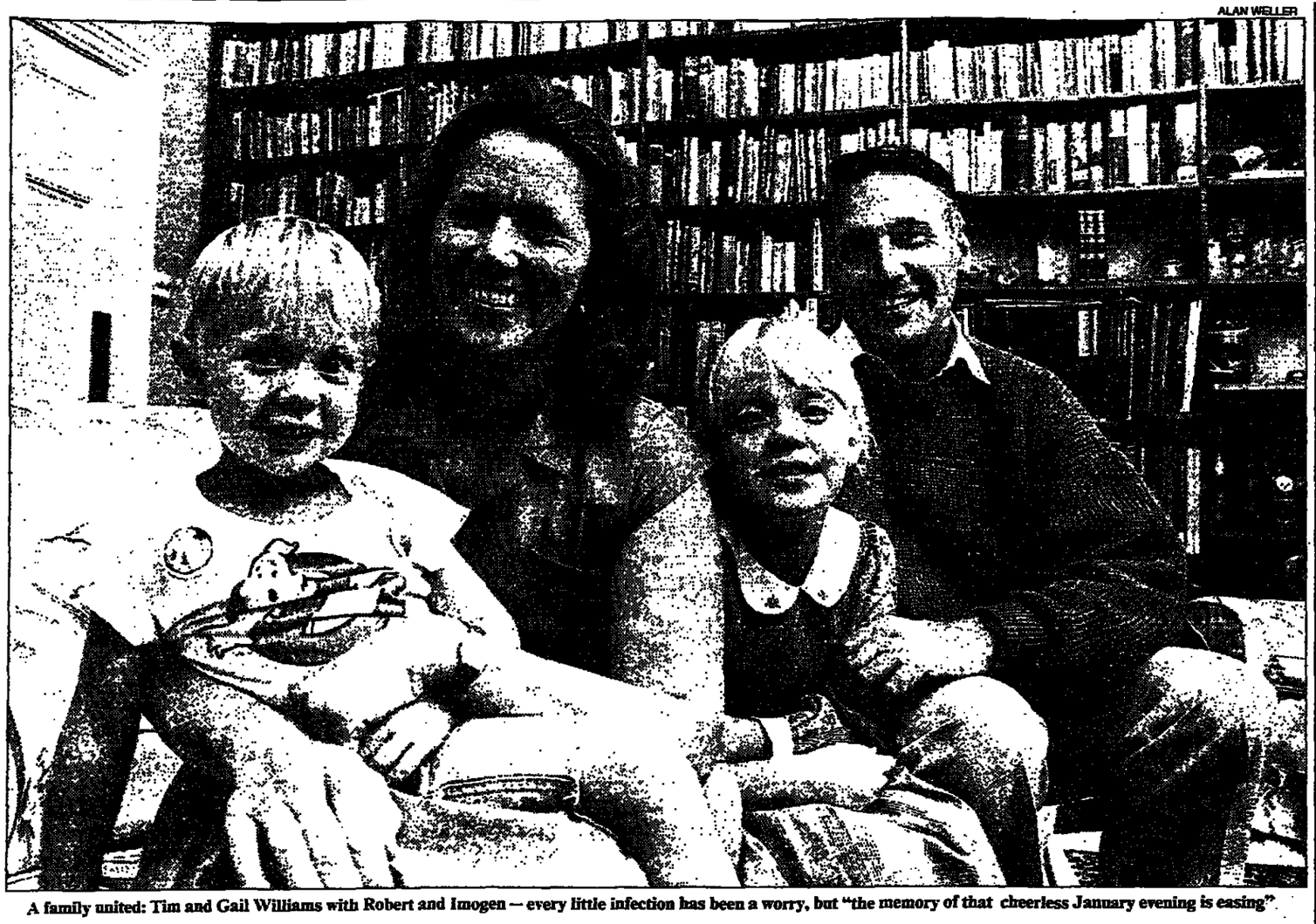


A family united: Tim and Gail Williams with Robert and Imogen — every little infection has been a worry, but "the memory of that cheerless January evening is easing"

Elation, anxiety and analysis

Four years after he wrote of the loss of his daughter, Tim Williams considers theories on cot death, and how they affect parents

In November, Jessica would have been five: sticky fingers, piggy-back rides, constant questions, childish laughter on the wind. We have all these, despite her cot death, for Robert is now aged three and both playmate and adversary for seven-year-old Imogen, easing the memory of that fearful, cheerless January evening in 1986.

Since then, we have had contact with more than 100 people touched by the cold hand of cot death and its aftermath of grief, bewilderment, anger and resentment and guilt, guilt that it might have been some lapse of care that opened one's own gates of hell.

Elation at the birth of reassuringly normal Robert in 1987 was followed by anxiety, never wanting him out of our sight, declining baby-sitters for a year. And what about a breathing monitor? In the end we settled for a baby alarm (a mains-linked intercom costing less than £30), with daily weighing to confirm normal weight gain as this often tails off before illness or a cot death: such scales cost about £200, but can be borrowed or hired. At two months, Robert's weight dropped briefly but picked up when the health visitor suggested that breast-feeding may have been subconsciously affected because Jessica had died at this age. Every little infection was a worry, and on one occasion Robert became so feverish and listless, screaming if placed flat, that our fear of meningitis was only assuaged when our doctor arranged overnight hospital admission.

Many parents find the rhythmic clicking and flashing of a breathing (apnoea) monitor reassuring. No scientific study has confirmed that home monitors prevent cot death, although there are reports of apparently life-threatening events being prevented; whether such episodes would otherwise have progressed to cot death is a moot point, and they are no longer called near-misses.

Advice on the care of the next infant (Coni) after a cot death is now available under the expanding Coni scheme, devised by the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths to help local health care professionals and provide monitors and weighing scales.

We each coped with the loss of Jessica according to our own lights, unobtrusively supported by family and friends. For my wife, there was solace in discussion and shared grief. My way was to grapple with what little is known about cot death and write of the tragedy to show others that they are not alone.

In tribute to Jessica we began a local cot death support group in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, to befriend and inform the bereaved and raise funds for research. This country has more than 100 such groups, providing an informal forum for parents to discuss their experiences and share anxieties, helping the newly bereaved through the dark days after the funeral when normality refuses to return, sometimes for months. Doctors can help by seeing the parents at intervals to check that they are coping. Some parents become unduly protective towards all their children. Once the delicate thread of life has been inexplicably broken, the memory of its fragility persists.

Many parents find that grief erupts with every new theory about cot death. Research should be validated scientifically before receiving wide publicity, and not overplayed. The media have a moral responsibility to minimise needless hurt by checking the significance of new findings.

Another contentious area is the presence of the police at the scene of a cot death. Often this is the result of a 999 call, but even if the diagnosis of cot death has been made by a doctor the police sometimes attend, as happened with us. This appears to be at the discretion of each coroner. Since deaths from child abuse are less than 1 per cent of the figure for cot deaths, it seems inappropriate to involve the police (let alone the CID) when there is no reason to suspect non-accidental injury, which will in any case become evident at a post-mortem. Many forces now train their officers in how to handle cot deaths, but none the less most coroners could safely restrict police attendance at the scene to those instances where there are grounds for suspicion. Just as cancer and heart disease are starting to yield their lethal secrets, so, too, will cot death. Any credible theory must explain the few known facts: cot death tends to affect children aged two to six months, especially during the winter, and there are differences in incidence between countries, although the tragedy is world-wide.

During the past 20 years, the incidence of true cot deaths (those with a post-mortem indicating sudden infant death syndrome) has remained roughly constant in the United Kingdom at slightly more than two per thousand live births, while other causes of perinatal and infant mortality have dropped dramatically. The rate is similar to that of other industrialised nations — apart from a very low incidence in Sweden (0.6 per thousand live births) and Hong Kong (0.3) — and produces 1,500 or so true cot deaths in this country each year.

As reported in *The Times* last month, there are grounds for thinking that the prone position and over-wrapping may contribute to cot death, despite the conventional wisdom that babies should be nursed on their stomachs to reduce the risk of inhaling any vomit. The Coni recommendation is that babies should sleep on their sides and that thin blankets should be used in preference to baby nests or duvets. Clothes or wrapping should be reduced if the baby has a temperature. We do not yet know whether two-month-old Jessica died because she was swaddled and face-down in a centrally heated home, but this was the only occasion that any of our children had been placed that way. By standard criteria, she was at low risk of cot-death, though susceptible because of winter time, recent snuffles and her age.

What we do not know is that "Bright Eyes" made Jessica laugh, and the tune brings back many memories. We share them with a fuzzy photograph and a 14th century hafiz ode, passed to us by another bereaved mother.

This house hath been a fairy's dwelling place;
As the immortals pure from head to feet
Was she who stayed with us a little space,
Then, as was meet,
On her immortal journey went her way.
So wise was she, yet nothing but a flower,
Only a child — yet all the world to me;
Against the stars what love hath any power!
Or was it she
Went softly in her own appointed hour?

● *Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (071-235 1721).*

Swan-song of a literary survivor

At the age of 83, Elspeth Huxley is devoting the next two years to a second Scott biography

Elspeth Huxley is embarking, at the age of 83, on what she firmly says will be her last book, a biography of the naturalist Sir Peter Scott, who died on August 29 last year.

Her literary swan-song will occupy the next two years. "I must try to stay alive and finish it," says Mrs Huxley, who makes her survival sound purely a matter of obligation to Lady Scott, Sir Peter's widow, who invited her to undertake the work. Mrs Huxley's biography of Sir Peter's father, Scott of the Antarctic, was published in 1977.

She is working on the book at Slimbridge in Gloucestershire, the home of the Wild Fowl and Wetlands Trust, which Sir Peter founded. He also established the World Wildlife Fund nearly 30 years ago.

Sir Peter's first wife, Elizabeth Jane Howard, the author, agreed to talk about the man who remained her lifelong friend. "Theirs was simply one of many wartime marriages which didn't work," Mrs Huxley says. Her own marriage, to Gervas Huxley, a first cousin of Aldous and Julian, spanned 40 years until his death in 1971. She has worked steadily from their Wiltshire home ever since and *Nine Faces of Kenya*, which by her own definition must be her penultimate book, will be published next month.

This anthology of more than 400 pages encompasses all manner of writings about Kenya, beginning with Pliny. Mrs Huxley's own recollections of childhood there, *The Flame Trees of Thika*, became a television series.

She is still at the research stage with the Sir Peter Scott biography and almost always at her desk by 6.30am. Any mention of a prolific, sustained output brings the retort: "I've simply lived a long time."

Mrs Huxley suggests that it is wrong to assume that the image of his explorer father, lost on his way back from the South Pole in 1912, remained the biggest influence on the young Peter Scott. Sir Peter was not born until 1909 and, she says, "the biggest influence was his mother, who had very strong views. There is a sort of legend that, instead of being wrapped up as children were at that time, Peter grew up without any clothes at all. That's not quite true — but he never wore anything more than a little tunic.

"At his prep school he was given a special dispensation to avoid school uniform and wore shorts and a shirt. That was a test of character because little boys don't like to be different."

Sir Peter's mother, born Kathleen Bruce, was a sculptor, who studied under Rodin and became Kathleen Hilton Young on her second marriage to Edward Hilton Young, the Liberal politician who fell out with Lloyd George and was destined to become a Conservative cabinet minister, and ultimately Lord Kennet. Peter would have met sitters such as George Bernard Shaw and T.E. Lawrence. His background, if not over-moneyed, was privileged and intellectual.

Mrs Huxley says that although Captain Scott left the famous letter saying, "Make the boy interested in natural history", absolutely no pressure was necessary. In his letters from primary school, written at the age of eight, there are marvellous drawings of caterpillars and a hawk-moth.

Mrs Huxley met her husband Gervas when they worked at the same government department in London. He was a grandson of Thomas Henry Huxley, the evolutionist and humanist, who coined the word "agnosticism". His cousin Aldous, the writer, was "sweet, kind and gentle, a marvellous conversationalist and not at all condescending", Mrs Huxley says. But Julian, the first director-general of Unesco, was obviously very different. "He was a very exacting guest," she says. "He would get up very early and was rather angry if there was not something to eat at a particular or precise moment. It was quite an ordeal."

Mrs Huxley has not visited Africa for three years. She says: "In my old age I obey Voltaire and cultivate my garden. It's no fun to travel alone and, anyway, I'm too idle. One rather feels one has seen the best of it and enjoyed it. As you get older you lose friends. There are always changes everywhere and so there is no point in thinking changes are always bad."

SANDY BISP

● *Nine Faces of Kenya will be published by Collins Harvill on September 20 (£16.00)*

TED BATH

Working on: "I've simply lived a long time," Elspeth Huxley says

& BRIEFLY

Floored argument

DR JAMES Dunlop, the director of public health for Hull, has issued a plea for a return to bare linoleum after too many years of carpet cover-ups. The doctor, from Kirkaldy in Fife — which, he says, "remains the only place in Britain where linoleum is still made" — is understandably proud of it. But he argues scientifically as well as sentimentally, for the return of linoleum to fashionable homes. "As it gets older, lino matures and becomes tougher because the linseed oil it contains carries on oxidising, forming new chemical links with the other constituents," he says. "This oxidisation also makes the linoleum slightly bactericidal, making it extremely useful in hospitals. Lino also appears to have an effect on house dust mites, fleas, and so on. This therefore reduces the tendency towards asthma in susceptible people, as does the fact that it does not release fibres into the atmosphere."

Wholly writ

THE Whole Thing catalogue, originally featured on these pages as "not *quite* the whole thing", because it seemed to be full of gimmicky gadgets for the greenish-tinged, has discontinued some of its more silly items. The new catalogue focuses on the useful basics such as cleaning materials, recycled paper products, energy-saving lightbulbs and fungicide-free wallpaper paste and paints. It has introduced a "green index" after each item, with little symbols indicating "manufacture and packaging", "use", "health", "disposal" and "effort" (indicating the effort to which the manufacturer has gone to become green). Each product is graded. The only problem is that the grading system is not exactly impartial, as all the products contained in the catalogue are naturally given a high rating by the catalogue itself. One brand of juicer, costing nearly £300, receives a low two points out of five in the "use" category — and surely anyone with pretensions of greenness would think twice before using a high-powered electrical machine to squeeze their organic oranges. The Whole Thing catalogue, printed on recycled paper, is available free from The Whole Thing, Millmead Business Centre, Millmead Road, London N17 9QU (081-365 1620).

Wall flowers

NOW is your chance to pick up a work by an as-yet-unrecognised genius for a song. From today until August 31 the work of artists from five of London's top art colleges (Goldsmiths', the Royal College of Art, the Royal Academy of Art, the Slade and the Chelsea School of Art) will be displayed at the Mall Galleries, 17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1. "The most difficult time in an artist's career is the transition from art college to making a living," says the Federation of British Artists, which has arranged the exhibition, intended to help with that transition. So this is an excellent opportunity to discover something that might fill that glaring gap on the wall while marking you out as a perceptive patron of the arts. The exhibition, called Into the Nineties 2, will be open daily from 10am until 5pm.

Cell walls

DO children really want a hard sell about how their cells work? Dr Fran Balkwill and Mic Rolph, who both do work for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, have written two books aimed at explaining, cheerfully and in cartoon form, how good cells and bad cells work, what causes cancer, Aids and other disease and what they can do to ensure their cells are healthy enough to fight off such threats. They are admirable works, each available in hardback for £4.95 and paperback for £2.95, but it is difficult to make either *Cells Are Us* or *Cell Wars* (with their pictures of skeletons, viruses and children with tummy bugs) seem attractive bedtime reading.

VICTORIA MCKEE

TELEVISION

Poison penalty

IN THE dog days of summer, when a documentary is usually all television has to prove that anyone is still there outside the newsroom making programmes, *Viewpoint 90* (ITV) came up with a terrifying study of chemical weaponry in "Fog of War". Even if we had not known of Saddam Hussein's gas attacks on Iran and Kurdistan, this story would have been terrible enough.

Though outlawed by a Geneva Convention of 1925, by which time 100,000 people had already died of mustard gas in the first world war, chemical weapons are now produced by 20 nations, most of which admit that they cannot be accurately targeted, so if you happen to live anywhere downwind of an attack you could be as easily destroyed as any intended victim.

Mike Rossiter's film for Central unearthed pre-war Popeye cartoons and sonorous 1930s newsreel warnings of the death bombs that were used by Mussolini in Abyssinia, though thereafter very seldom until Vietnam brought nerve gas into fashion after nearly three decades of deterrent-only caution. Two years ago, Saddam bombed 65 Kurdish towns and villages with mustard cyanide, some of it derived from West Germany where the world's largest chemical industry is now under limited and nervous investigation.

A lethal mixture of stupidity, corruption and ruthlessness has allowed a new generation of technology mercenaries to put together chemical deals which allow the weapons still to be manufactured more than half a century after Geneva.

In the United States, politicians admit that the 1984 agreement to outlaw chemical warfare was largely a device to allow senators to vote for the continuation of binary chemical weapons as deterrents, while no one has yet found an even halfway effective method of disposing of them. In this country, where we stopped making gas bombs 30 years ago, acres of poisoned earth are still cordoned off as unfit for human or animal occupation, and fishermen regularly catch old bombs in their nets, still leaking their poison.

As a result, the chemical warfare apparently outlawed in 1925 will be well with us by 2025, and getting rid of its traces could take another century after that.

OVER on Channel 4, *The Thatcher Audit* is a new series of three documentaries designed as a curtain-raiser to the general election campaign, which will doubtless start with this autumn's party conferences. In the first of these, John Plender looked back over the last ten years of supply-side reforms, starting with the ritual Thatcher-montage of podium photo-opportunities and soundbites. One day, they will themselves have to be the subject of a special survey, starting with the influence of Christopher Fry and Noël Coward on speech-writing hacks responsible for "the lady's not for turning" and "this beloved nation of ours".

Plender was concerned with three specific areas of recent Tory history: privatisation, the assault on union power, and the credit boom that went bust. On the first, he reckoned that the taxpayer had forked out £4.5 billion to be able to sell off British Steel for £2.5 billion. On the second, he decided that Tebbit had done pretty well versus Scargill, and on the third he was suitably appalled by the fact that Victorian Values would seem not to include that of thrift, hence the current debt crisis.

His main thesis was that nothing over the last ten years has been quite what it seemed: privatisation has been not the cause but the consequence of higher productivity and profits in British Steel; the taxpayer has financed improvements in commercial balance sheets; and liberalisation has been the victim rather than the beneficiary of the new accountancy. Moreover, if a privatised company chairman is now accountable to two million shareholders, then he is not really accountable to any one of them. Popular capitalism is thus a contradiction in terms, while home ownership has led to vastly increased home debt.

The first *Thatcher Audit*, therefore, concluded that privatisation has not been of much help to economic efficiency, that union-bashing has not cured inflation, and that the housing and credit fiasco has scuttled a climate of enterprise. The only real change has been that the culture is now that of the casino. This is an Audit unlikely to be read to shareholders at the next Tory party conference: any other business?

SHERIDAN MORLEY

POP MUSIC

Back to the brilliance of Bacharach

Anyone who has a heart, including a new generation of British youngsters, is still falling for the magical Sixties music of Burt Bacharach, Barney Hoskyns says

Burt Bacharach, Sixties style: the bandwagon is still rolling, and picking up a host of new young admirers, including Deacon Blue

Sitting in his palatial Bel Air mansion looking over Los Angeles, Burt Bacharach must find British youth's current, slightly bizarre love affair with his music rather amusing. He is, after all, 62 years old and the kind of man more likely to be throwing a party for Elizabeth Taylor than grooving the night away to the latest dance-floor version of one of his classic Sixties songs for Dionne Warwick.

Since 1964, when Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield, and Sandie Shaw all hit big with Burt Bacharach/Hal David songs (respectively "Anyone who had a Heart", "I just don't know what to do with myself", and "Always Something There to Remind Me"), the British have had a soft spot for this almost mythical figure.

Along with Phil Spector and Tamla Motown, he helped define the pop sensibility of the Sixties. Everyone from Tom Jones to the Walker Brothers leapt aboard the Bacharach bandwagon. But until recently he hardly registered with young pop punters; if his name evoked any image at all, it was that of a middle-aged, middle-of-the-road bandleader of the Bert Kaempfert variety. Cool it was not.

Now, though, there is fresh evidence that Bacharach is again an influence — from the unlikely direction of the Scottish rock band Deacon Blue. Currently high in the charts with the prosaically-titled EP *Four Bacharach & David Songs*, they are typical of an Eighties generation of hip, historically aware pop stars who see past the easy-listening image to the beauty and sophistication of songs like "Message to Michael" and "Are You There (with another girl)?", both recorded originally by Dionne Warwick.

In the hands of Deacon Blue's frontman, Ricky Ross, "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" proves as adaptable to Nineties radio pop as "My Little Red Book" did to the garage-band psychosis of Love in 1966 or "A House is not a Home" to the bravura vocal improvisations of Luther Vandross in 1982.

"I think the greatest songs are great love songs," Ross says, "and to me the combination of Bacharach and David produced the greatest love songs ever written." Born in Kansas City in 1928, Burt Bacharach grew up in New York. He studied with serious composers such as Henry Cowell, Darius Milhaud and the Czech Bohuslav Martinů by day, and caught Dizzy and Bird in bebop clubs by night. Playing in a quintet on the "borscht belt" led him to jobs as an arranger-accompanist for Steve Lawrence, Vic Damone and, eventually, Marlene Dietrich, with whom he worked from 1958 to 1963.

It was after meeting the lyricist Hal David in 1957, that Bacharach began writing the series of hits — for Marty Robbins, Perry Como, Gene Pitney, and eventually black artists such as Warwick, Jerry Butler, Chuck Jackson — which would make him one of the most successful writer-producers of the Sixties.

"Don't be afraid of writing something people can remember and whistle," a music tutor is said to have told the young Bacharach. Whether the fledgling genius took the advice to heart is debatable, since many of his greatest songs are far from being the ephemeral, whistle-along pap that passed for pop then and in years to come.

"You've practically got to be a music major to sing Bacharach," Dionne Warwick once remarked. Logging the time-changes in a song such as "Promises, Promises" — from 3/4 to 4/4, 5/4, 6/4, 3/8, 4/8 and back again — obliges one to agree with her.

The simple fact is that Bacharach and David were a generation older than the other "Teen Pan Alley" teams who created the dominant rhythm and blues sound of the late Fifties and early Sixties. Their songs had more in common with Rodgers and Hart than with the Ronettes.

Bacharach quickly found the Brill Building conveyor-belt system stifling. "The company A&R men used to be really omnipotent," he told *Newsweek* in 1970. "They'd say 'That's a three-bar phrase. Make it a four-bar phrase and I'll get so-and-so to record your song'. I ruined some pretty good songs that way, because I believed them."

When he and Hal David heard Dionne Warwick singing backing vocals on a Drifters recording session, they knew they had found the perfect voice — cool, brittle, showbizzy rather than gospelly — for their hybrid pop-soul compositions; songs that did not play barefacedly to the short attention spans of American teenagers.

"Don't make me over" (1963) was the first masterpiece, followed by "Anyone who had a Heart", "Walk on By", "I say a Little Prayer" and more than 20 other hits in seven years. These were songs of delicacy and intricacy, with rhythms dictated by Warwick's phrasing rather than vice versa, and melodies that underwent radical shifts and changes.

The Bacharach/David run of hits reached its apex at the end of the Sixties, when the soundtrack to *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* won two Oscars and two Grammies. Bacharach's solo LP *Reach Out* (1968) was selling well, the hit musical *Promises, Promises* ran well on Broadway, NBC presented a Bacharach television special. Nobody could have guessed that all this would preface a decade without a single Bacharach hit — a decade, moreover, in which his dream marriage to the actress Angie Dickinson would fall apart. By 1980 he looked washed up. Then he bounced back. With Carole Bayer Sager, who became his second wife in 1982, he co-wrote the Oscar-winning theme song from *Arthur*, produced the superb Patti Labelle/Michael McDonald duet "On My Own", and hooked up once more with Dionne Warwick. Songs have followed for Gladys Knight, Natalie Cole, Neil Diamond and Roberta Flack, while Hal David has kept up his profile writing with hit-makers like Albert Hammond.

Earlier this year Bacharach was at Radio City Music Hall, playing the piano while a cast including Warwick, Aretha Franklin and Whitney Houston gathered to sing "That's what friends are for".

He remains an active, gracefully ageing presence on the American music scene, and in Britain his back catalogue provides a well-spring of sublime songs for everyone from Deacon Blue to the dance-floor guru Tim Simenon. The Bacharach magic clearly still moves anyone who has a heart.

Deacon Blue: inspired by the sublime well-spring of Bacharach

CINEMA

Peter Guttridge traces the troubled history of director Jack Nicholson's *The Two Jakes*

The movie that became a monster

A friend of Jack Nicholson puts the matter succinctly: "Jack knows that on a good day he is the king of Hollywood. On a bad day, he knows he *could* be the king of Hollywood, if only he were in a better mood." Recently, the master's mood has fluctuated more than usual. *The Two Jakes*, the long-awaited sequel to Polanski's 1974 film *Chinatown*, for which Nicholson is both director and leading actor, has run up one of the most troubled production histories in Hollywood memory.

That Nicholson's current notoriety is based on his reportedly astronomical fee for *Batman* and its putative sequel, is perhaps unfair. He reached his position of pre-eminence from Oscar-nominated, but hardly big box-office films. And the two-time Oscar winner, who wants to win an Academy Award in every category, dropped his salary to a comparatively modest $5 million (and a percentage of the profits) for the honour of doing *The Two Jakes*. After many delays, the film opened this month in America to mixed reviews and a lukewarm box office. British audiences were due to see it in November, but its European release has now been put back to next February. There is probably a film to be made about the production history of *The Two Jakes*, which was set to shoot in 1985, 11 years after Polanski made what is widely regarded as the perfect detective thriller: *Chinatown*. That classic received 11 Academy Award nominations; writer Robert Towne's script has become a set text for would-be dialogue writers, and the role of J.J. "Jake" Gittes now seems a perfect blend of Nicholson as star and actor.

Nicholson's own loyalty to the film has precluded his playing any other detective since. "This is a kind of special theatrical covenant," he once said.

Towne intended *Chinatown* to be the first in a tryptich of Proustian ambition, about the development of Los Angeles. He set *The Two Jakes* in 1947 and focussed the plot on land development and oil discovery (water rights was the theme of *Chinatown*.) An intricate *film noir*, it continues the theme of the futility of good intentions begun in *Chinatown*.

The Two Jakes was to be produced by *Chinatown* producer Robert Evans, written and directed by Towne and, of course, to star Nicholson. The three were close friends. Towne and Nicholson had met in 1959 when Nicholson, after a spell in the cartoon department of MGM answering mail for Tom and Jerry, was attending acting classes and writing Zen-influenced screenplays.

But the 1985 attempt to film *The Two Jakes* collapsed when Towne — on the day shooting was to start — refused to accept that producer Evans (a former actor) could play the part of the second Jake. Nicholson sided with Evans, Paramount pulled the plug, and Towne's friendship with Evans was over.

Legal and financial squabbles went on for four years. Nicholson, loyal to his friends, was looking for a way for all three men to remain involved, and he was the one who brought the film back to life, by agreeing to direct: what he calls "a collective compromise". He had directed twice before — an early 1970s art film, *Drive he said*, and a mid-1970s comedy-Western *Goin' South*. But he was understandably reluctant. "When you're making the second part to a brilliant movie by one of the greatest movie-makers in the world, your own good sense tells you that if you do half that well, you've done a good job. But it is difficult, there's no real advantage in it, and it's an imposing thing for anyone."

Nicholson was faced with a complex script that required a firm grasp of narrative, never his strong point. He told the *Los Angeles Times* in 1985: "Cinema is a visual poetic form. I have a lousy narrative sense and feel like I'm more of a poetic director." Before filming started, Towne spent six months rewriting the script he had hoped to direct himself. Then, according to Nicholson's friends, he left Nicholson in the lurch to write the screenplay for *Days of Thunder*.

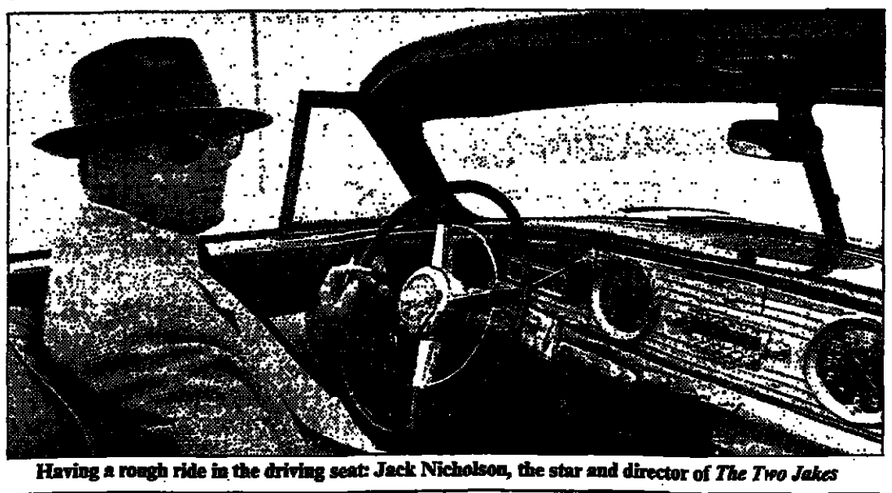
"We didn't have a beginning and we didn't have an ending," Nicholson has said. "We did shoot the original ending, but it didn't work. But then, the film changed so much during shooting." Certainly, in the last few weeks of filming in July 1989, there was scrambling to revise the script overnight. Nicholson did these rewrites, often getting only an hour's sleep between his night and his day job. "He gave it his blood and his sweat," says Harvey Keitel, who plays the second Jake.

Nevertheless, the production came in on schedule and within its $20 million budget. Then the delays began. The film should have opened in America last December to make it an Oscar contender, but Paramount announced a postponement until Easter because the film was not ready. Nicholson had apparently screened a rough cut, which at 168 minutes was too long for the studio's liking. Second and third cuts whittled the time down to 140 minutes.

The film then missed its Easter opening. Early preview screenings had indicated that some audiences found the film dense and confusing. To simplify the story, Faye Dunaway (who played a major part in *Chinatown*) was called in to read the voice-over of a letter.

The delays did not help the film; the assumption was that Nicholson had made a mess of it. He has not. The film is dense, and almost a meditation on the first film. Many scenes echo scenes from the first, minor characters re-appear, and there are two rapid flashbacks. It looks magnificent, and Nicholson gives a rich performance.

Whether or not the film succeeds, it will not be the last one Nicholson directs. His next project is likely to be another long-cherished idea, about the imagined murder of Napoleon. A script has been knocking around since the early 1980s — written by Robert Towne.



Having a rough ride in the driving seat: Jack Nicholson, the star and director of *The Two Jakes*

CRITICS' CHOICE: OPERA, DANCE AND MIXED MEDIA

LONDON OPERA

TOSCA: Flushed with success from the Russian tour, the ENO open the new season with a revival of Jonathan Miller's Fascist-period *Tosca*. The rising star Jane Eaglen tackles the title role, David Rendall is Cavaradossi, and the performance is conducted by Marco Guidarini.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tomorrow and Sat, 8pm, £6-£37.50.

KATYA KABANOVA: The celebrated Glyndebourne production of Janáček's powerful opera comes to the Proms. Nancy Gustafson (title role) and Felicity Palmer repeat their memorable performances. Andrew Davis conducts.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), Fri, 7.30pm, £3.50-£16.

OUTSIDE LONDON

PRINCE IGOR: The Slovak National Opera and Ballet from Bratislava bring four big productions to Edinburgh. Both halves of the company will more than earn their fee in Borodin's epic; the Polovtsian dances will be given in Fokine's original choreography. The conductor is Oliver Dohnányi.
Playhouse Theatre, Edinburgh (031-225 5756), tonight and tomorrow, 7pm, £5-£17.50.

FALSTAFF: Last performance of Peter Hall's production of Verdi's comedy, with Andrew Shore as the well-upholstered knight.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), tonight, 5.30pm, £30-£75.

FAUST: Production of Gounod's perennial favourite by the Slovak National Opera and Ballet. See review on page 18.
Playhouse Theatre (as above), Fri and Sat, 7pm, £5-£17.50.

DANCE

SWAN LAKE: Final days of English National Ballet's summer season. Natalia Makarova's production slims down the action and the drama.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2.30pm, £5-£25.

SLOVAK STATE BALLET: The company plays a prominent part in the Slovak Opera's *Faust* and *Prince Igor* (see opera listings).

AMERICAN INDIAN DANCE THEATRE: Authentic traditional dances and music gathered and translated into a theatrical context.
King's Theatre, Edinburgh (as above). Tomorrow-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £5-£8.50.

THE OVERCOAT: Rudolf Nureyev in a made-to-measure role by Flemming Flindt based on Gogol's tragi-comic story. With the Cleveland San José Ballet, who also dance their own showpiece *Quicksilver*.
Playhouse, Edinburgh (031-225 5756). From Tues, eves 7.30pm (not Suns), mats Wed, 2.30pm, £5-£16.50. Until August 30.

JOHN PERCIVAL

MIXED MEDIA

MARCEL MARCEAU & COMPANY: Marcel Marceau, the living legend of mime, in the last few days of his 15th London season.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2.30pm, £4-£14.

FRAGMENTS — CRAZY MIME: Czechoslavakian clown Petr Turek animates the struggle of everyday life between men and women.
Richard Demarco Gallery (Venue 22), 17-21 Blacklaws Street, Edinburgh (031-557 0707). From Mon, eves (not Suns), 6pm, £4 (£4). Until Sept 1.

BOBBY BAKER: *Drawing on a Mother's Experience* A one-night opportunity in the Edinburgh Fringe to see this well-received show which takes a wry look at the difficulties of motherhood.
Richard Demarco Gallery (as above). Mon, 10.15pm, £4 (£3).

GHISLAINE BODDINGTON

A devil of a good cabaret

Miroslav Dvorsky as the "transformed playboy" Faust in the opera and ballet production

OPERA

Faust
Playhouse, Edinburgh

THE first impression given by Jozef Bednárik's production of Gounod's *Faust* is that (to misquote *Othello*) Pagliacci's occupation's gone. The old clown is weary, his costume torn, and a new macho master of ceremonies, with a particularly devilish grin, is waiting in silver coat tails, whip in hand, to start a whole new show. The Slovak National Opera and Ballet have set up their own decaying auditorium within Edinburgh's Playhouse, and have given the Festival the opera production for which it has been waiting.

In this version, Mephisto is the central figure. It is his name that is in lights above the stage, and he stage-manages every second of every scene. Even the conductor (Oliver Dohnányi) dare not raise his baton without his permission. It is Mephisto who arranges not only for the white limousine to carry the transformed playboy Faust, but also, in a denouement of high kitsch, to take the newly-winged Marguérite to her assumption. And it is he who gloats when the shell drops away and the weary clown returns once more to his dressing room.

Peter Mikulas has both the ox-like physical presence and the inky athleticism of voice to carry it off. A sparing curl of the lip and constant eye contact with his audience see him through many a moment of laconic wit. When confronted with the sign of the cross, he nips over to his dressing room, puts his devil cloak on and rolls on the floor in feigned agony. When the soldiers return from war, he amuses himself by strutting along as the Red Army general: there is no heavy point-making here, just a little bit of a tease.

The light-handed approach, the delight in sophisticated understatement, is what sustains this long and devilishly cynical cabaret. Each scene is briskly announced by a card-carrying dancer: a little circus caravan is rolled on as Faust's study, Marguérite's home, church or prison cage. Even the big set pieces are remarkably restrained, considering that this is a co-production with the Slovak Ballet, and Gounod provides every excuse for a dance *divertissement*.

The dancers are used sparingly as henchmen of Mephisto and as miming and manipulating *alter egos* (Mephisto, Sex, Power, Marguérite). More could have been done with the Kermesse, the marches, much more with the Walpurgis Night. But this is not the way of Bednárik and his choreographer, Libor Vaculík. The Walpurgis Night is played as a series of four *pas de deux* of successive and witty sexual initiation, ending in a knee-kicking *corps de ballet* to delight the stuffy and omnipresent stage audience.

The main loss is not in spectacle but at the level of the simple, affecting emotional life which Gounod writes so clearly into his score. It is left to the voices to draw us into that.

This Bratislava house, which has nurtured singers such as Peter Dvorsky, Lucia Popp and Gabriela Beňačková, continues to produce the goods. Miroslav Dvorsky's Faust and Richard Haan's Valentin find French legato style no easier than their English counterparts, but both tenor and baritone are keen and resilient. Marguérite is triple cast, so Eva Jenisová will not be heard again; but her wine-dark, effortless soprano fleshed out both the vulnerability and the true sensuousness of the character, and will not easily be forgotten.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE

Sotoba Komachi
Lyceum, Edinburgh

THE annual visits now made by the Ninagawa Company to this country have become vivid highlights in the theatrical year. The cherry blossom in *Macbeth*, Medea's air-borne chariot and the title-storm in *The Tempest* are imperishable memories for those who saw them. Equally, one recalls the vast red moon glowering in *Suicide for Love* (last autumn at the National) and the abrupt cut that followed, as sudden as in a film, to the bustling street-life of the city.

The scenic image presiding over *Sotoba Komachi* is as striking as any of these but differs from them in that its effect is not immediate but cumulative. The blood-red camellia blossoms falling over the five white benches seem at first a quirky, distracting device. They hit the stage loudly — "click ... click." — every five seconds, hurtling down from somewhere above the flower-thick trees that frame this corner of a Tokyo park.

The sound is Yukio Ninagawa's master stroke. Flowers usually fall softly to the stage: these plummet like crimson beetles singed by a lamp. Their descent is interrupted for two longish passages, first when the ancient crone picking up cigarette butts reveals to a drunken young poet that she was once a celebrated beauty, and again when they re-enact an enchanted meeting of 80 years before. When the blossoms fall again — "click ... click" — their sound now seems to be the ticking of an eternal clock that will forever be sundering their love, yet will mysteriously renew it further on in time.

The play was written by Yukio Mishima in the 1950s, one of several modern versions of old Noh legends, and draws powerfully on the human urge for a love that crosses the generations. In the different realm of children's fiction it is the longing satisfied in the magical last chapter of *Tom's Midnight Garden*.

When the years roll back the public park becomes again the grounds of a princely mansion. The smooching couples on the benches re-appear as ladies in European bustles and gentlemen in frogged uniforms, and the old crone, bent double like a bundle of rags on a set-square, asks the young poet to dance.

In his hands, her body straightens, an astonishing change of expression transforming Haruhiko Joh's blotched, creased face. It is still a ruined beauty but in his weird smile (Joh is a man) it is the beauty that is apparent. The fine-boned gracious features of Norihiro Inoue's Poet could hardly look more different but suddenly they become a perfect match.

The play is preceded by a traditional dance based on the same legend and performed by Yukio Yoshimura. He is a famous exponent of the austere and slow classical Japanese dance form. I do not respond to its nuances but I accord respect to his fame.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT

St Nicholas Mass
Worcester Cathedral

THAT useful phrase "economical with the truth" best describes the Three Choirs Festival's announcement that it was giving the "world première" of a hitherto unknown *St Nicholas Mass* by Mussorgsky. What emerged in Worcester Cathedral on Monday was no long-lost masterpiece from the hand that wrote *Boris Godunov*. Rather, this was a scissors-and-paste job by the present-day English composer Philip Lane on some fairly familiar bits of Mussorgsky, most of them already in orchestrations by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Lane calls it an "unashamed hybrid". He justifies his decision to cobble extremely impious chunks of Mussorgsky onto the Latin mass by claiming that the pieces would otherwise hardly be performed. That argument would be more credible if the pieces fitted their new context more comfortably; as it is, this forced mismarriage of music redolent of gloom with a text redolent of hope smacks of dubious opportunism. Christian thinking had no place in Mussorgsky's philosophy — he had enough problems believing in life *before* death — so to conscript him posthumously to God's cause seems unethical.

Lane's score works best in the Kyrie and Agnus Dei, both fitted to music from the incomplete opera *Salammbo*. The former has long, Slavic-moded melodies for female chorus, lusciously scored by Rimsky. Lane's orchestration of the Agnus is equally atmospheric: a chanting male chorus doubled by bassoons in lugubrious octaves, a veil of trembling strings, and a tolling bell adding a doleful hint of the death scene in *Boris*.

But in the larger movements — the Gloria (from Mussorgsky's little cantata *Joshua*) and the Credo (pinched from *The Destruction of Sennacherib*) — music and text sometimes sound incompatible. At the Gloria's conclusion, for instance, Lane must fit what should be the triumphant affirmation "in gloria Dei Patris, Amen" to a chromatic descent that cries out despair and doubt. He does find music of suitably sepulchral tread for the Crucifixus; unfortunately, he then uses the same doom-laden tune for "Et resurrexit".

A more spirited performance, punchier in rhythm and in a less boomy acoustic, would have emphasised more of the music's detail and vivacity. The conductor, Donald Hunt, did well to keep the Worcester Festival Chorus and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic more or less together; nevertheless, the chorus did perform for the most part like an old car on a cold morning.

In the same programme the young Russian, Boris Beresovsky, was the soloist in Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto. Since he has just won the 1990 Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, the audience might have expected something more fiery than this fluent but undemonstrative run-through, hampered by the dour speeds selected by the conductor, Roy Massey.

RICHARD MORRISON

NEW RELEASES

DIE HARD 2 (15): Action-packed but relentlessly silly sequel to an already absurd original, with Bruce Willis's cop trying to wrest Washington airport from another crop of terrorists on another Christmas Eve. Director, Renny Harlin.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111)

MIGNON HAS LEFT (12): Flimsy Italian story of family life and adolescent love, given modest sparkle by Stefania Sandrelli as a hard-pressed mother of five. A first feature by director Francesca Archibugi.
Metro (071 437 0757)

CURRENT

L'ATALANTE (PG): Jean Vigo's enthralling French classic from 1934 — a lyrical quasi-surreal tale of newlyweds on a barge, marvellously restored with extra footage; memorable performances by Dita Parlo and Michel Simon.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ BACK TO THE FUTURE PART III (PG): A sturdy crowd-pleaser to round off the series, with some amusing jokes at the Western's expense.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

BLACK RAINBOW (18): Mike Hodges' supernatural thriller about a charlatan clairvoyant (Rosanna Arquette) who foretells a murder. Strong on edgy atmosphere and robustly acted, though the sum is much less than the parts.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ BLIND FURY (15): Fruity comedy-adventure inspired by a Japanese samurai series, with Rutger Hauer as a blind Vietnam veteran effortlessly fighting the mob. Director, Phillip Noyce.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆THE BOOST (18): Cautionary tale about a financial hustler's addiction to cocaine. Fiery performances from James Woods and Sean Young, but the story is trapped in a rut. Director, Harold Becker.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; an appealing salute to the movies.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) Phoenix (071-240 9661).

CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS (15): Woody Allen's engrossing portrait of life's ironies and immoralities. Strong performance by Martin Landau as an eye doctor driven to murder; engaging comedy from Allen and Alan Alda.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ CRY-BABY (12): John Waters' frenetic musical-comedy salute to the juvenile delinquent scene of the Fifties: the material wilts some way before the end. Johnny Depp, Amy Locane.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Empire (071-497 9999).

◆ DAYS OF THUNDER (12): Stock-car racing drama from the brains behind *Top Gun*, heavy on racetrack action and Tom Cruise's cocky grin, weak on originality. With Robert Duvall; directed by Tony Scott.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

◆ DICK TRACY (PG): The blockbuster of the year — dazzling to look at, though director star Warren Beatty does little to breathe life into the comic-strip detective. With Madonna, Al Pacino, Charlie Korsmo.
Camden Parkway (071 267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (071 602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071 930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ GREMLINS 2: THE NEW BATCH (12): Rousing sequel to the 1984 hit, adroitly balanced between monster and sophisticated satire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071 935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071 839 1527) Oxford Street (071 636 0310) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

◆ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Tired thriller given some kick by British director Mike Figgis. Starring Richard Gere and Andy Garcia.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Plaza (071-497 9999).

KAMIKAZE HEARTS (18): Raw American independent film, awkwardly teetering between fact and fiction, about the love life and daily round of two actresses in the pornographic film business.
Metro (071-437 0757).

THE KILLER (18): Stylish, over-the-top Hong Kong crime melodrama, equally drenched in blood and tears, with Chow Yun Fat as a disaffected hit-man.
ICA Cinema (071 930 3647).

◆ LORD OF THE FLIES (15): Flat new version of William Golding's savage novel. Harry Hook directs.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

MEN DON'T LEAVE (15): Artificial tale of a valiant widow (Jessica Lange) weathering financial and emotional storms. Talent is on display, but the script's shallow seriousness sends the film spiralling downwards.
Cannon Panton Street (071 930 0631) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Patrice Leconte's intense, stylish version of Simenon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour, a striking achievement by director Patrice Leconte.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ MUSIC BOX (15): Costa-Gavras's anguished, absorbing drama about a Chicago criminal attorney (Jessica Lange) defending her father from accusations of war crimes. With Armin Mueller-Stahl.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane sheltering as nuns in Janet Suzman's convent school. Fast and furious drag comedy, aimed at fanciers of the strenuously zany, from writer-director Jonathan Lynn.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ PRETTY WOMAN (15): [illegible] old fashioned romantic comedy [illegible] Julia Roberts as a [illegible]
Cannons: Chelsea [illegible] Panton Street [illegible] Odeons: Kensington [illegible] Warner [illegible] (071-792 3303/3324)

REUNION (12): The rise of [illegible] through the story of two teenage [illegible] familiar screen material [illegible] handled by director Jerry Schatzberg.
Renoir (071 837 8402)

◆ ROMUALD AND JULIETTE (12): Coline Serreau's social comedy about a yoghurt factory boss who falls for his West Indian cleaning lady. Long winded, but with disarming performances from Daniel Auteuil and newcomer Firmine Richard.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Premiere (071-439 4470)

◆ SPACED INVADERS (PG): The predictable adventures of five green Martians who land on earth by mistake. Undemanding summer holiday fodder, with Douglas Barr, Royal Dano.
Cannon Haymarket (071 839 1527) Odeon Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

A TALE OF SPRINGTIME (U): Eric Rohmer's absorbing study of the games people play, with Florence Darel as a capricious teenager hoping to push her new friend (Anne Teyssedre) into her father's arms. A civilised delight.
Minema (071-235 4225)

TIE ME UP! TIE ME DOWN! (18): Young man with a psychiatric history hopes to win a porno-actress's love by tying her to a bed. Spicy extravaganza from Spain's Pedro Almodovar — less of a madcap whirl than his earlier films.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumiere (071 836 0691) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772)

◆ TOTAL RECALL (18): Imaginative ideas poke through this lavish fantasy about Arnold Schwarzenegger liberating Mars, though they soon get swamped by Paul Verhoeven's fondness for visceral shocks.
Cannon Chelsea (071 352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071 602 6644/5) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071 930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ TROP BELLE POUR TOI (18): Gerard Depardieu dithers between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier.
Premiere (071-439 4470)

◆ WHERE THE HEART IS (15): John Boorman's allegorical comedy with Dabney Coleman as a tycoon who ends up with his family in a Brooklyn tenement. Laborious, but visually striking.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

WILD ORCHID (18): Barren, voyeuristic sex drama set in Brazil, with Mickey Rourke as a perverted millionaire, Jacqueline Bisset as his gutsy old flame, and Carre Otis as the inevitable innocent abroad.
Cannons: Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR: Ayckbourn's achingly funny serious-comedy, directed by the author.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 25mins.

☐ BERENICE: Lindsay Duncan as the love-stricken heroine in chilly Racine.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☒ BURN THIS: John Malkovich is eye-catching but mannered as the virile force in Lanford Wilson's American comedy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

☒ CORIOLANUS: Charles Dance and a magnificent Barbara Jefford illuminate the childhood of fascism.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs. In repertory.

☐ THE CRUCIBLE: Tom Wilkinson stands up for decency against a frantic Clare Holman and other Demons in a strongly cast production.
National Theatre (Olivier) (as above). Tonight, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs 30mins. In repertory.

■ THE DUCHESS OF MALFI: Harriet Walter a movingly erotic victim in Webster's murky horrorshow.
The Pit, Barbican Centre (as above). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins.

☐ CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: Highly publicised Canadian troupe turns out to be less sensational than expected.
Jubilee Gardens, South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-928 8800). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tues-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 6pm, mats Sat, 3pm and Sun, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs.

☐ THE FANTASTICKS: Charming production of hesitant young love helped out by comic villains. With the New Shakespeare Company and Roy Hudd.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Underground: Baker Street. Tonight-Fri, 7.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☒ GASPING: Hugh Laurie and Bernard Hill in Ben Elton's comedy about the privatisation of air and other un-green notions. Rather over the top but lots of laughs.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 9832). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ HENRY IV: Sound production of Pirandello's masterwork. Richard Harris effective as the man who must pretend to be emperor.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071 867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins.

☐ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal and Peter Barkworth in Simon Gray's excellent new play, set in a West Country cottage used for 13 years of rural retreats.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: James Bolam as the drunk-about-town columnist. A great show if you're happy in the company of drunks.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins.

☒ KEAN: Derek Jacobi in splendid form as the low-born actor with a lifelong identity problem.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

☒ KING LEAR: Brian Cox in Deborah Warner's ambitious production, with Ian McKellen and David Bradley.
National Theatre (Lyttelton) (as left). Mat today, Sat, 1pm, Fri, 7pm. Running time: 4hrs 5mins. In repertory with *Richard III*.

☐ MAN OF THE MOMENT: Masterly comedy by Ayckbourn: good meets evil on the Costa del Sol, with Nigel Planer and Gareth Hunt.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☒ MOTHER COURAGE: Glenda Jackson in powerful voice as Brecht's wandering moneymaker.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

☐ RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET: Hit rock 'n' roll show, tacky but jolly inexplicable winner of Best Musical award.
Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, WC2 (071-379 5299). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☒ RICHARD III: Ian McKellen has not yet found the depth of the Crookback's feelings but the production, set in a fascist England in the Thirties, is rich in detail.
National Theatre (Lyttelton) (as left). Today, tomorrow, Sat, 7pm. Running time: 3hrs 37mins. In repertory with *King Lear*.

☐ THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Raucous and wild (in the Upper Circle mainly), bold and bizarre, sometimes deafening, sometimes inaudible rock musical.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071 867 1118). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs, 9pm, Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins.

☐ SHADOWLANDS: Nigel Hawthorne and Jane Alexander, who has taken over from Jane Lapotaire, star in this touching play about C S Lewis's Indian summer love.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-734 1166/071 439 3849). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

☐ SHIRLEY VALENTINE: Elizabeth Estensen as Willy Russell's domestic worm turning into a Greek nymph.
Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071 836 5122). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☒ SHOW BOAT: Grand old musical sails into view: Ian Judge's stylish production with fine singing from a great cast.
London Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-437 7373). Underground: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

■ THE THREE SISTERS: The Cusacks, the distinguished Irish acting clan, perform Chekhov in a production that is packed with thoughtful, delicate, quietly feeling moments. It is strongly recommended.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 30mins.

☐ THE WOMAN IN BLACK: Superior thriller complete with mists, mystery and old graves.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (071-836 2238). Underground: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs.

LAST CHANCE: ☐ Leave Taking: Lyric Studio, Hammersmith (081-741 8701)

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Anything Goes: Prince Edward Theatre (071-839 5972). ■ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales Theatre (071-839 5972). ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115). ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071 834 1317). ■ Cats: New London Theatre (071-405 0072). ☐ Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Ambassador Theatre (071-836 6111). ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi Theatre (071-836 7611). ■ Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (071-434 0909). ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071 836 8108). ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (071 836 1443). ■ The Phantom of the Opera: (postal bookings only) Her Majesty's Theatre (071-839 2244). ☐ Run For Your Wife: Aldwych Theatre (071 836 6404). ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665)

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

POMAK
(c) A Muslim Bulgarian, from the Bulgar: "Those Bulgarians who have embraced Islam are called Pomaks — a word of which no satisfactory derivation has been given."

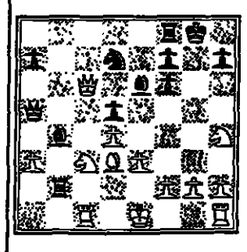
WABI
(a) A flawed detail that creates an elegant whole, an imperfection that gives an object its Old Master uniqueness, from the Japanese, rhymes with "bobby". The crack that distinguishes the spirit of the moment in which this object was created from all other moments in eternity enables one to say: "This pot has wabi."

ECAD
(a) An organism modified by its environment rather than by other affects, from the Greek *oikos* house + *ad*: "The new form which results from variation is a *variant*; the production of a mutation is a *mutant*, and that of an adaption, an *ecad*.

SEI
(c) A kind of rorqual, *Balaenoptera borealis*, also called the sei whale, from the Norwegian name for it, the *sejhval*.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Cooper (White) — Muir (Black). Harry Baines Memorial British Chess Championships 1990. Black to play and win. Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 ... d5! threatening the bishop and 2 ... Bg4 winning the queen.

TELEVISION & RADIO

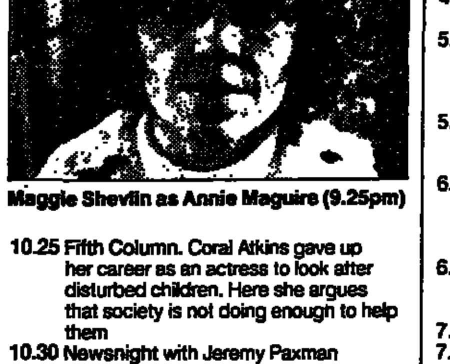
COMPILED BY GILLIAN MAXEY AND PENNY OSBORN
● TELEVISION CHOICE PETER WAYMARK/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

BBC 1

6.00 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Fiona Foster 8.55 Regional News and weather
9.00 News and weather
9.05 But First This . . . Children's entertainment beginning with Belle and Sebastian (r) 9.25 Record Breakers. Motorcycle pyramids, the fastest yo-yo in the world and a world record attempt on a trampoline (r)
10.00 News and weather followed by Double Dare. Peter Simon presents another edition of television's messiest game show (r) 10.30 Playdays (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Poetry from the pupils of Moor Park High School in Preston (r)
11.00 News and weather followed by Eats for Treats. *Jane Asher and her young cooks conjure up dishes for a silver wedding party* 11.35 The O Zone. Music magazine including Britain's charts and the new number one
12.00 News and weather followed by The Garden Party. Denis Touhy presents the magazine show from Glasgow's Botanic Gardens. The subjects under the microscope are potpourri, disability, lifestyle trends and new videos 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)
1.50 The Train Now Departing: Lines of Industry. Many private industrial railways disappeared long ago but enthusiasts keep their memory alive. Written and narrated by Anthony Smith (r)
2.20 Knots Landing: All Over Bar the Shouting
3.10 Gardener's Direct Line. John Thirlwell returns to host another edition of the gardening forum. The experts are Geoffrey Smith and Peter Seabrook and viewers can phone in from 9am to 1pm on Leeds (0532) 446222
3.40 Joe Tasker: The Making of a Climber. Chris Bonington traces the climbing career of his friend Joe Tasker from his formative years on Teesside through to his early Himalayan conquests (r)
4.10 Children's BBC introduced by Andi Peters and starting with Ewoks. Wicket restores an old war wagon (r) 4.35 KnowHow. *How lasers work and why a small kangaroo has wheels* (r)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Colour in the Creek. In the last of a ten-part Australian drama series, Alec is praised by everyone at Coorumbong Creek
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide; 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Wales: Wales Today; Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Joining Terry are funny man Ken Dodd and Yorkshire cricketer Geoffrey Boycott
7.30 Them and Us. The series in which members of the public can make programmes about issues which concern or annoy them. Rathlin Island farmers are this week fighting the environment department and ignoring a court order; Islington residents try to stop a tree from being cut down; and members of the public voice their irritations in Vox Box. (Ceefax)
8.00 Lovejoy: To Sleep No More. Comedy thriller starring Ian McShane as the streetwise antique dealer. Although it plays a beautiful tune, Lovejoy thinks the silver snuffbox is a fake (r) (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View. Anne Robinson with viewers' comments on television
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather
9.30 Crimewatch File: Murder Unearthed. A chance for the amateur sleuths among us to pit our wits against the professionals as Nick Ross *presents another behind-the-scenes* reconstruction of a murder investigation. In 1986 a passing motorist discovered a dismembered body on the edge of Ashdown Forest. Eight weeks later, the police received a letter reporting a woman missing. (Ceefax)
10.10 Film: Rich and Famous (1981). The last film made by director George Cukor is a witty but wordy remake of the 1943 Bette Davis/Miriam Hopkins vehicle *Old Acquaintance*. Best friends Liz (Jacqueline Bisset), now a respected novelist, and Merry (Candice Bergen), a college dropout, become bitter rivals in later years when Merry writes a bestseller about her rich Malibu neighbours
12.05am Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University. Energy Resources: Uranium 7.10 Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600: Toulouse. Ends 7.35
9.00 Mastermind 1980 (r)
9.30 Film: A Farewell to Arms (1957). Ernest Hemingway's romantic tragedy, set against the background of the first world war, is given the full Hollywood treatment by David Selznick in an overlong and inflated version of a story first filmed in 1932. Rock Hudson plays the wounded American ambulance driver taken under the wing of Jennifer Jones's volunteer nurse with the British Red Cross. Directed by Charles Vidor
11.55 Brief Glory. The people of Clevedon celebrate rescuing their pier from the scrap yard
12.25 England: The Election 1929. Baldwin's Conservatives, MacDonald's Labour or Lloyd George's Liberals? The nation went to the polls to decide
12.30 Wideworld: Into Africa. Anthony Hopkins narrates a film about the aeronautical exploits of pilots who fly to Africa to seed thunderclouds, spray locusts and fly emergency missions (r)
1.20 Fingermouse dances to music from Spain and the Soviet Union (r)
1.35 Country File. John Craven introduces the *son et lumière* from Puy du Fou in France
2.00 News and weather followed by Great Britons. John Pudney looks at Thomas Cook and his son, the Victorian founders of modern tourism (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Wild World: Rabbits — Wanted Dead or Alive? Rabbits know all about chemical warfare. They were subjected to it in the form of myxomatosis. Julian Pettifer explains why
3.50 News and Weather. Regional news and weather
4.00 Film: Henri (1987) starring Eric Brisebois and Jacques Godin. A winner *at the 1987 Berlin Film Festival*, this engaging Canadian film tells the story of a 15-year-old boy who after his mother's death tries to get his sister out of hospital to win the annual town race. Directed by Françoise Labonté
5.30 Look, Stranger: The Bert and the Ben. John Yates reports on Bert Bissell's obsession with mountains which led him to make his 100th ascent of Ben Nevis in 1988 at the age of 86 (r)
6.00 Film: Blue Hawaii (1961) starring Elvis Presley and Angela Lansbury. A de-mobbed soldier cannot decide whether to stay with his girlfriend, go off with the girls on tour or go home to his mother. The usual Presley formula of good songs, basic plot and minimal acting from the "king of rock 'n' roll". But still one for the fans. Directed by Norman Taurog
7.40 DEF II: Rough Guide to the World. The last in the series has Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha in Budapest. The team discover streets paved with gold, saucy blue movies and how to get to China for £27
8.30 The Victorian Kitchen: Supper. Ruth Mott prepares the Victorian idea of supper — raspberry jelly, pickled nasturtium seeds and a salmagundi salad (r) (Ceefax)
9.00 M*A*S*H: The Best of Enemies. Black comedy set during the Korean war. Hawkeye (Alan Alda) is ambushed, but the others are too engrossed in a bridge tournament to worry about that (r)
9.25 ScreenPlay: A Safe House.
● CHOICE: Bill Morrison's documentary drama about the Maguire seven, convicted of handling explosives in the wake of the Guildford pub bombing, inevitably invites comparison with *Dear Sarah*, an Irish television treatment of the case recently shown on ITV. Happily, there is little overlap. While *Dear Sarah* focussed on the prison experience, *A Safe House stops at the convictions*. As these have now been declared unsafe, Morrison is not primarily concerned to mount yet another debate about guilt or innocence. He is more *interested* in building up a detailed picture of the Maguire family in north London, whose domestic struggles and *routines* are suddenly interrupted by the arrival of the police looking for bombs. The ambience of the period, the mid-1970s, is caught in the television clips and the long haircuts, and the piece is uniformly well acted with Maggie Shevlin's Annie a performance of width and sympathy. (Ceefax)


Maggie Shevlin as Annie Maguire (9.25pm)

10.25 Fifth Column. Coral Atkins gave up her career as an actress to look after disturbed children. Here she argues that society is not doing enough to help them
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 Montreux Jazz. The last of the series from the Montreux Jazz Festival features B B King, Elvis Costello and Van Morrison
11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University. Engineering Mechanics: Work and Energy. Ends 12.30am

ITV LONDON

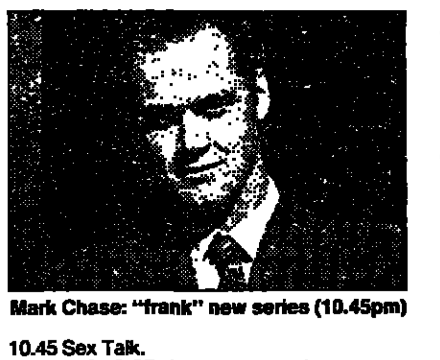
6.00 TV-am
9.25 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r) 9.50 Thames News and weather 9.55 Inspector Gadget (r) 10.25 Vicky the Viking 10.50 News headlines
10.55 Treasure Island in Outer Space 11.50 Thames News and weather 11.55 By Word of Mouse. Cartoon 12.05 Allsorts (r)
12.25 Home and Away 12.55 Thames News and weather
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather
1.20 Marco. *More culinary delights from chef Marco-Pierre White* (r) 1.50 A Country Practice 2.20 Take the High Road 2.50 What's My Line? 3.15 *News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines* 3.25 The Young Doctors
3.55 The Wombles. (Oracle) 4.00 Bertie the Bat 4.10 Fraggle Rock 4.40 Krankies Television 5.10 Blockbusters
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
5.55 Thames Help 6.00 Home and Away (r) 6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Cluedo. Who murdered whom? Where? With what? (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) 8.00 Highway to Heaven
9.00 Film. Killing Dad (1989) Michael Austin directs a black comedy in which Denholm Elliott stars as a drunken, out-of-work ventriloquist who writes to his estranged wife (Anna Massey) of his intention to return home. His resentful son (Richard E. Grant) secretly plans to murder him. Continued after the news. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.35 Film: Killing Dad (1989) Conclusion. (Oracle)
11.35 Not Waving But Drowning.
● CHOICE. Here is a drama documentary in which the documentary is stronger than the drama. The relevant background statistic is that nearly two million British families have debts they cannot pay, *run up during the credit boom of the early* Eighties Polly Bide's trenchant film dramatises the true story of one young family which stands for many. The members of the family are played by actors, with Tom Mannion and Lesley Sharp as the husband and wife. The outsiders, the bank manager, doctor and so on, are played by members of those professions The mixture of professional and amateur acting works more smoothly than might be expected, helped by the fact that the piece is improvised, not scripted. The result is undeniably powerful, justifying the use of drama for a subject that could just as easily have filled a *This Week* or *Panorama* slot. Details of a helpline are being given before and after the programme


Tom Mannion plays Tony Walker (11.35pm)

12.35 Film: The Psychopath (1966) starring Patrick Wymark. Four men with apparently nothing in common are brutally killed The murderer's trademark, a small doll in the image of the victim, is the only clue left at the scene of each crime. Directed by Freddie Francis
2.15 Videofashion 2.40 America's Top Ten 3.10 Music Special: Janis Ian 4.10 Just Champion 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Noah's Ark. Conguillo National Park is the home of a variety of wildlife, and of Mount Laina, the most active volcano in south America
6.20 Business Daily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Art of Landscape. Visual images of the natural world, set to music
11.00 As It Happens. Michael Groth and his camera team continue their journey along Scotland's high and low roads
12.00 Off the Page. In the last in the series about modern writers, P.D. James reveals why she writes classical detective stories (r)
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Channel 4 Racing. Brough Scott introduces the day's races from York, including the Rous Selling Stakes (2.05); Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks (2.35); Tote Ebor Handicap (3.10); Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes (3.45); and the Andy Capp Handicap (4.15)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game
5.00 Storywheel. Children with and without hearing difficulties explore the fun of telling stories through signing, mime and games
5.30 Flight over Spain. Allan Hargreaves narrates today's helicopter trip over Guipuzcoa. (Teletext)
6.00 Oceans of Wealth: The Last Frontier. The first of a four-part series about developing the resources of our oceans
6.30 A Different World: Forever Hold Your Peace. American college comedy series
7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext)
8.30 Europe Express. Current affairs programme
9.00 Rear Window: Thanks Be To God We Are Not Secular. The international arts and culture series. Ginny Heath examines the influence of Islam on Turkish life and politics
9.45 He-Play: A Future in Fish. Continuing the series of short plays from writers new to television drama. In Kevin Colter's story, Dexter Fletcher plans to escape the family fishmonger business by joining the police force
10.00 Absolutely.
● CHOICE. Comedy sketch shows are coming thick and fast these days and the challenge for the six writer-performers of *Absolutely* is to pull themselves above the general run. Back for a second season, after doubling its audience during the first series, *Absolutely* continues to draw much of its inspiration from *Monty Python*. It has the same excursions into the surreal and the incongruous and similarly attempts to subvert the conventions of seamless television by narrative disruptions and direct addresses to camera. As with all ventures of this kind, the whole tends to be less than the sum of the parts and in the last resort everyone will have their favourites, not necessarily the same ones. For myself, I thoroughly warmed to a sketch in which a man goes to the doctor with a Jeffery Archer novel lodged in an unfortunate part of his anatomy I was just as unresponsive to a joke about using small children as golf clubs


Mark Chase: "frank" new series (10.45pm)

10.45 Sex Talk.
● CHOICE: As a demonstration that people can go on television and talk about their orgasms without the slightest hint of embarrassment, the first in Channel 4's "frank" new series gets off to a successful if hardly controversial start. The wider question, of what *Sex Talk* is trying to do, must remain in abeyance. With 14 programmes to go, a mixture of *studio discussions like this one and* documentaries, there is still plenty of time to get the show into focus. Sharing a settee with the presenter Mark Chase from *The Survivor's Guide*, tonight's eight participants are drawn from the 18 to 30 age group and represent a range of colour, gender and sexual proclivity Eschewing the problem page approach, the discussion is so cheerfully uninhibited that they could be talking about the weather. Traditionalists may be shocked less by the explicit subject matter than the implicit assumption that, Aids notwithstanding, casual sex is now the young person's norm
11.30 Son of the Incredibly Strange Film Show: Jackie Chan. The first programme of a new series finds Jonathan Ross in Hong Kong to meet Asia's leading action star, director, editor and stunt co-ordinator Jackie Chan (r)
12.20am The Decameron: Desire for Drink. A second chance to see the series of six adult silhouette animations based on the stories by Giovanni Boccaccio (r)
12.35 Film: Les Mistons (1957 b/w). François Truffaut's accomplished first short is an accurate study of five boys teetering on the edge of adolescence. In French with English subtitles
12.55 Film: Antoine et Colette (1962 b/w). A densely observed short film about the unsuccessful puppy love of François Truffaut's alter ego hero, Antoine, for Colette. In French with English subtitles
1.25 From Mao to Mozart. In 1979 the violinist Isaac Stern toured China, teaching young musicians to play Western music. This documentary provides an entertaining and moving account of life in China during the Cultural Revolution (r). Ends 3.00

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
5.00am Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow 12.30 Newsbeat 12.45 Jakki Brambles 3.00 Mike Read in the Afternoon 5.30 News 90 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.30 The Gap with Annie Nightingale 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris.

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am Alex Lester 5.30 David Allan 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Katie Boyle 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Russ Conway and Joan Reagan 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Back to Square One 7.30 The Yetties 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 9.00 Nigel Ogden with The Organist Entertains 9.30 Cut Off At The Fringe: 10.00 Martin Kelner 12.05am Jazz Parade 1.00-4.00 Night Ride.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST
6.00 World News 6.09 24 Hours followed by News Summary 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 8.30 Development '90 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Business Matters 9.30 My Music 10.00 World news 10.09 Review of the British Press 10.15 The World Today 10.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 10.45 Endangered People 11.00 News summary 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Midi Magazine 11.59 Travel news 12.00 World news 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Country Style 12.30 Meridian 1.00 Newsreel 1.15 Japan Five, Wales Nil 1.25 The Farming World 1.45 *Sports Roundup* 2.00 World news 2.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 2.30 Development '90 3.00 Outlook, opening with World News 3.30 Off the Shelf: On the Eve 3.45 Business Matters 4.00 Newsreel 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World News 5.09 News about Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines in English 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 News Summary followed by Outlook 8.25 Financial News 8.30 Network UK 8.45 Endangered People 9.00 World News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Assignment 10.00 News summary 10.01 Sports roundup 10.15 Crosstown Traffic: The Life and Work of Jimi Hendrix 10.45 Recording of the Week 11.00 Newshour 12.00 World news 12.05 Commentary 12.10 Financial News 12.15 Good Books 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 McKay the New 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Outlook 2.25 Financial News 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 Society Today 3.00 World News 3.09 Review of the British Press 3.15 Newsreel 3.30 Assignment 3.59 Weather 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Network UK 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Nachrichten und *Presseschau 5.00 Morgenmagazin* 5.35 News in German 5.45 Headlines in English and French 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.56 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University (FM only): Open Forum (news and features)
6.55am News and Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Ireland (A London Overture: London Symphony Orchestra under John Barbirolli); Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending: Academy of St Martin in the Fields under Neville Marriner)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Schumann (Overture to Manfred: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Wilhelm Furtwängler); Hoffmeister (Flute Concerto in G: English Chamber Orchestra under Laurence Leonard with Ingrid Dingfelder, flute); Glazunov (Fantasy, The Sea: SNO under Järvi)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Weber. Kyrie and Gloria, Mass No 2 in G, Op 76: Stuttgart Hymnus Choir, Werner Keltsch Ensemble under Gerhard Wilhelm, Elisabeth Speiser, soprano, Helen Watts, alto, Kurt Equiluz, tenor, Siegmund Nimsgern, bass; Konzertstück in F Minor, Op 79: London Symphony Orchestra under Claudio Abbado with Alfred Brendel, piano; Der Freischütz: Overture and Wolf's Glen scene: Leipzig Radio Chorus, Staatskapelle Dresden under Carlos Kleiber with Theo Adam, bass, as Kasper and Peter Schreier, tenor, as Max
9.35 Langham CO: attrib Handel *(Concerto Grosso, Op 3 No 4b*; Handel Motet, Silete venti: Jennifer Smith, soprano (r)
10.15 Schubert and Hindemith: Csaba Erdelyi, viola, and Bernard Roberts, piano; perform Schubert (Sonata in A minor, D 821, Arpeggione); Hindemith (Sonata for viola and piano, 1939) (r)
11.00 Midweek Choice: Presented by Susan Sharpe. Rossini (Variations: Württemberg CO under Jörg Faerber with Wolfgang Meyer, clarinet); Haydn (Piano Trio in G, H XV 25: Beaux Arts Trio); Schubert (Die Schöne Müllerin: Olaf Bär, baritone, Geoffrey Parsons, piano); Rodrigo (Concerto Andaluz for four guitars: Los Romeros, Academy of St Martin under Neville Marriner); Milhaud (Le Train Bleu: Monte Carlo National Opera Orchestra under Igor Markevitch); Amy Beach *(Barcarolle No 1: Virginia* Eskin, piano); Chabrier (Menuet Pompeux, Cotillon: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Antal Dorati)
1.00 News
1.05 The First New Musicke: Emma Kirkby, soprano, and Anthony Rooley, flute, present and perform Italian and English airs from 1600 to 1650. Includes music by anon, Robert Jones, Monteverdi, Nicholas Lanier, Alessandro Piccinini, Antonio Cifra and Henry Lawes (r)
2.00 Interpretations on Record: The Rite of Spring — Stravinsky's masterpiece has been recorded more than 60 times in as many years (r)
3.00 Vintage Years: The pianist, Annie Fischer, performs Schumann (Carnaval, Op 9, mono) and Mozart (Piano Concerto in D minor, K 466): Philharmonia under Boult
4.00 Choral Evensong: live from Edington Prior Church during the 1990 Edington Festival. Conducted by Peter Wright, Jeremy Summerly, and Peter McCrystal. Jeremy Filsel, organ
5.00 Music from Bolivia: Introduced by Jan Fairley. Los Yuras perform festive and village pieces
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Poppy Holden
7.00 News
7.05 As We Were: Five monologues by E.F. Benson, read by Sir John Gielgud. Part 2: Cambridge (r)
7.30 Proms 1990: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra *under Jerzy Maksymiuk* with Dong Suk Kang, violin, performs Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat). 8.05 James MacMillan talks about his work to Raymond Monelle 8.25 James MacMillan (The Confession of Isobel Gowdie); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor)
9.35 The Collected Works with David Owen Norris (r)
10.20 Unmeasured Preludes et cetera: Louis Couperin (Prélude à l'imitation de Monsieur Froberger; La Piemontaise); Gaspard le Roux (Prelude in F, Allemande, Courante, Chaconne); Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre (Prelude, Allemande, Courante, Sarabande); Louis Couperin (Prelude in D minor: Colin Tilney, harpsichord)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Stravinsky (The King of the Stars; Violin Concerto; Four *Norwegian Moods; Mass*) (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43 Random Shots (s) First of five-part compilation of letters from the *Shooting Times* 1870-1935 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare interviews Anna Massey
9.40 Reading Aloud: Memories of Ralph Richardson (s) (r)
10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time from the British Embassy in Paris (r)
10.30 Morning Story: "At Brackus's" by D. J. Taylor(s)
10.45 Daily Service: (s)
11.00 News: Spinsters on the March:
● CHOICE: Sensible and unprovocative as the suits and shoes they wore, the banners they carried, and the songs they sang, that growing army of unmarried women who, in the 1930s, campaigned for pensions at 55 instead of 65, have marched quietly into the grey pages of history, and the name of their leader, Florence White, is largely forgotten. Peter Hawkins's documentary about the National Spinsters' Pensions Movement is a model of reasonableness, just like the movement itself. Its decibel level is roughly what you would expect to record at your average WI meeting, and the closest it gets to being controversial is when one woman witness says: "Anyone can get married — but it takes a *good* woman to remain unmarried"
11.47 An Englishman in the Midi: Part 5: La Télé
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Out of Order: Political quiz, chaired by Patrick Hannan (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One presented by Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour; An feature examining Hollywood at the time of the 1934 Production Code ; a discussion with two women organists; and an item on a writer in residence at a hospice, Lyn Alexander, who encourages patients to write their own poetry
3.00 News; The House of Electric Power Production: Play by David Luck (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: Matthew Sweeney is interviewed by Carol Ann Duffey
4.00 News
4.05 Brother Sweeper, Sister Cleaner: Bernard Jackson investigates the life of "The Little Sisters of Jesus" a community of Roman Catholic nuns (s) (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: from the Edinburgh Festival. A review of Mike Leigh's play *Greek Tragedy* and a report on the Japanese theatre company Ninigawa (s) (r)
5.00 PM with Frances Coverdale and Niall Dickson 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Quote, Unquote: Presented by Nigel Rees (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Age To Age: Presented by Barry Cunliffe (r)
7.45 The Teachers: (r)
8.15 Talking About Music: With Anthony Hopkins (s)
8.45 Just Fancy: An edition of the popular comedy series which ran from 1951 to 1962 featuring Eric Barker
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes an interview with Ray Bradbury on his seventieth birthday and a review of his new novel *Graveyard for Lunatics*; a feature on sculptor Graham Ibbeson and a review of a season of plays to be broadcast on Radio 3 by women restoration writers (s) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book At Bedtime: "Cloak Without Dagger" by Rupert Grayson. 3: The British at the Paris Ritz
11.00 Tuning In: Michael Bentine examines the history of the wireless (s)
11.30 Behind The Ritual
12.00 News, incl 12.20am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 The New Curiosity Shop: Weightlessness 11.50 Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600

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ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Coronation Street 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am Quiz Night 1.05 In Search of.. 1.35 Time Tunnel 2.35 The New Sessions 3.05 America's Top Ten 3.35 The American Documentary 4.35-5.00 Farming Diary

BORDER

As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters 2.20-2.50 Scottish Women 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am Night Heat 1.35 Donahue 2.30 60 Minutes 3.25-5.00 Film: The Scene of a Crime

CENTRAL

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Coronation Street 6.25-7.00 Central News 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am The Equalizer 1.35 Film: Tarnished Heroes* 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00-5.00 Jobfinder

CHANNEL

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am Film: The Entertainer 2.30 Vivid 3.30 Night Heat 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

GRANADA

As London except: 11.55am-12.05 Secondhand Tales 1.50pm-2.20 Moneywise 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am Night Heat 1.35 Donahue 2.30 60 Minutes 3.25-5.00 Film: The Scene of a Crime

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am *Donahue 1.35 Sins 3.20 Return to Eden* 4.10 America's Top Ten 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Santa Barbara 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am Night Heat 1.35 Donahue 2.30 60 Minutes 3.25-5.00 Film: The Scene of a Crime

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am Film: The Entertainer 2.30 Vivid 3.30 Night Heat 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 A Word in Your Ear 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.25 60 Minutes 3.20-5.00 Film: The Scene of a Crime

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 So Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 The Irish RM 12.35am Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.25 60 Minutes 3.20-5.00 Film: The Scene of a Crime

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.35am Barry Manilow on Broadway 1.35 Stones in the Night 2.05 Quiz Night 2.35 Santa Barbara 3.30 Music Box 4.25-5.00 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 5.00am Noah's Ark 6.30 C4 Daily 9.25 The Art of Landscape 11.00 Sesame Street 12.00 The Planets 12.30pm Newyddion 12.35 Ty Chwith 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Racing from York 4.30 Kate and Allie 5.00 Star Test 5.30 Things to Come 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Lewsyn Lwcus 6.50 Penawde 7.00 Trisgell 7.30 O Dan Yr Wyneb 8.00 Treialon Cwn Defaid Rhyngwladol Tlws Barclays 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Film: His Girl Friday* 10.40 He-Play 10.55 The New Statesman 11.25 Angels and Devils 12.00 Movie Museum* 12.20am The Decameron 12.35 Les Mistons 12.55 Antoine et Colette 1.25 From Mao to Mozart

RTE 1

Starts: 3.05pm News followed by Devil's Lake Concerts 4.05 Emmerdale 4.35 A Family at War 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 The Haunted School 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Alamo 8.00 LBJ — The Early Years 9.00 News 9.20 Film: Spartacus 12.45am News 12.56 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 3.20pm Bosco 3.50 Amigo and Friends 4.00 Popeye and Son 4.25 Skippy 4.50 Alvin and the Chipmunks 5.15 Now *5.35 Hill's End 6.00* The Beachcombers 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Jo-Maxi Ferrer 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by The Explorers 9.00 Cheers 9.30 News followed by thirtysomething 10.30 News 10.45 Asward — Distant Thunder Concept 11.50 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am Sky World Review 5.30 International Business Report 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Mr Belvedere 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 Another World 12.50pm As the World Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 Three's Company 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Challenge for the Gobots 3.45 Mystery Island 4.00 Plastic Man 4.30 The New Leave It to Beaver 5.00 Star Trek 6.00 The New Price Is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Hey Dad! 7.30 Mother and Son 8.00 Falcon Crest 9.00 Rich Man, Poor Man: Book II 10.00 Star Trek 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 Sara 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
5.00am Sky World Review 5.30 International Business Report 6.00 Sky World Review 6.30 International Business Report 9.30 The Frank Bough Interview 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Sky World Review 1.30pm NBC Today - part one 2.30 NBC Today - part two 3.30 Beyond 2000 4.30 Sky World Review 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 Newsline 8.30 The Frank Bough Interview 9.30 Roving Report 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 Roving Report 2.30 The Frank Bough Interview 3.30 Beyond 2000 4.30 Roving Report

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm City on Fire (1979): Henry Fonda stars in this disaster movie about an explosion in a chemical factory which threatens a nearby town. With Barry Newman, Ava Gardner and Shelley Winters 4.00 The Treasure of Swamp Castle: Animated adventure about a young prince's quest to find hidden treasure 6.00 Campus Man (1987): An enterprising student compiles an all-male pin-up calendar which quickly becomes a national craze. With John Dye, Steve Lyon and Kathleen Wilhoite *7.40 Entertainment Tonight* 8.00 Long Gone (1987): A baseball comedy about a long-suffering team from the minor leagues which starts winning. With William Petersen, Virginia Madsen and Dermot Mulroney 10.00 Young Guns (1988): Brat Pack western about the life and times of Billy the Kid and his gang. Starring Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland, Lou Diamond Phillips and Charlie Sheen 11.45 Lethal Pursuit (1987): When a young girl meets up with an ex-boyfriend, she falls in love with him again. But he now has a dark and mysterious secret that she knows nothing about.
1.30pm Freddy's Nightmares: *Rebel without a Car* (1988).
4.00 A Piece of the Action (1977): Bill Cosby and Sidney Poitier are two crooks who steal from con-artists preying on the poor. Ends 6.15

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Eurobics 9.00 Eurosport News 10.00 International Volleyball 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 Motor Sport 1.00pm Golf 2.00 Fencing 3.00 Cycling 4.00 Hockey 5.00 Surfing 6.00 Eurosport News 7.00 Day at the Beach: A compendium of beach sports 8.00 Fencing 9.00 Boxing 10.00 Trans World Sport 11.00 Aerobics 12.00 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

7.00am US Pro Boxing 8.30 Powersports International 9.30 Polo 10.30 Ladies' Golf 11.30 Pro Surfing Tour 12.15pm The Sportshow - Dutch Sports 1.15 Tenpin Bowling 2.30 Major League Baseball 90 4.30 Motor Sport Drag 5.30 Sport en France 6.00 Motor Sport IMSA GTP 7.00 Motor Sport IROC 90 8.00 Showjumping 9.00 US PGA Golf

MTV

Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Everyday Workout 10.30 Search for Tomorrow 10.55 Coffee Break 11.00 Wok with Yan 11.25 Only in Hollywood 11.30 The Edge of Night 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm What's New? 12.55 Great American Gameshows 2.00 Film: Rage of Angels 4.00 Video Review Show 4.35 Tea Break 4.45 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● All films are followed by news and weather
1.00pm The Movie Show
1.30 Peter Ibbetson (1935): Supernatural love story starring Gary Cooper and Ann Harding. Two childhood sweethearts meet later as adults but are parted again
3.10 The Buccaneer (1937 b/w): Lively swashbuckling drama starring Fredric March and Franciska Gaal
5.30 The Movie Show
6.00 An American Tail (1986): Delightful animated adventures about the Russian Mousekewitz family as they flee their homes in search of a feline-free existence in America.
8.00 Planes, Trains and Automobiles (1987): Slightly sad comedy featuring Steve Martin as an urbane executive and John Candy as a chatty salesman. When the two are forced to travel together after their plane is diverted, disaster strikes.
10.00 The Visitor (1980): Disturbing horror, similar to *The Omen*, starring Mel Ferrer and Glenn Ford.
11.40 Hard Knuckle: Drama about a former snooker champion who is determined to show a young star that he's still the best Ends 1.10am

GALAXY

7.00am Superfriends 7.30 Mix-it 8.30 Bewitched 9.00 Grange Hill 9.30 Kids Court 10.00 Jupiter Moon 10.30 Heidi 11.00 Playabout 11.15 Mrs Pepperpot 11.30 Monkey 12.20 Sinbad Jr. 12.30 The Bold and the Beautiful 1.00pm Facts of Life 1.30 TJ Hooker 2.30 The Young and the Restless 3.30 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpot 4.00 Danger Bay 4.30 Kids Incorporated 5.00 Mix-it 6.00 The Burns and Allen Show 6.30 Jupiter Moon 7.00 Murphy Brown 7.30 Laughlines 8.00 Shoestring 9.00 Kay O'Brien 10.00 Maude 10.30 Up Yer Festival 11.00 Tattingers 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 12.30am Houston Knights

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing Today 2.00 Boxing 5.00 Supercross 6.00 Sportsdesk 6.30 The IBM/ATP Tennis Magazine 7.30 Sportsdesk, including News and Weather 8.00 The Main Event: Football 10.00 Racing Today 10.30 Sportsdesk 11.00 On Four Wheels 12.00 Sportsdesk

NOW

10.30am Living Now: Home Life 11.00 American Business Today 11.30 European Business Today 12.00 Summer Edition 1.00pm Living Now. Plat du Jour/ Parenting 1.30 Gardener's World 2.00 High Street 3.00 Your World. The Quechua 4.00 The Long Search 5.00 Assignment Adventure In the Realm of the Shark 6.00 Gardener's World 6.30 V.I.P 7.00 Out East Turkey Abbey 7.30 The Countryside Show 8.00 Summer Edition 9.00 Creme de la Creme Aristocrats 10.00 European Business Today 10.30 Big City Metro 11.00 American Business Today

THE POWER STATION

7.00am Nineteen hours of rock and pop

Buthelezi plea for talks in new attack on Mandela

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

SAVAGE fighting in South Africa's black townships subsided yesterday, but harsh words at peace talks in Pretoria underlined the intensity of the political rivalry that caused the strife and the difficulty of resolving it.

The discovery of more mutilated bodies raised the death toll to 400 in eight days of clashes between supporters of the African National Congress and Inkatha, the Zulu organisation led by Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

In Pretoria, Chief Buthelezi denounced the ANC in talks with government ministers and Bantu Holomisa, the leader of the Transkei homeland who is an ANC sympathiser. The Zulu chief accused the ANC of using violence to isolate him and his organisation, and criticised Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, for refusing to meet him.

"People are actually dying because the ANC will not talk with Inkatha, and Dr Mandela will not talk with me. It is not I who refuses to see Dr Mandela." Turning to General Holomisa, he said: "What have you done to bring the ANC to its senses and to stop the ANC-inspired carnage?"

Chief Buthelezi said of Mr Mandela: "He makes preposterous political statements to the effect that the negotiating climate is an ANC victory. He clung to the armed struggle formally until last week. He still clings to the punitive isolation of South Africa as necessary. The ANC still attacks Inkatha and KwaZulu."

But Chief Buthelezi repeated his call for peace talks with Mr Mandela, and suggested "hotline" communications be established between all black leaders.

In the absence of an ANC delegation, General Holomisa voiced the organisation's claim that the police were siding with Inkatha, and called on President de Klerk to put a stop to this. Chief Buthelezi rejected the claim.

A joint statement after the meeting — with R. F. "Pik" Botha, the minister of foreign affairs, and Adriaan Vlok, the minister of law and order — appealed to all political leaders to strive for peace.

But prospects of ending the conflict appear remote. The root cause is a power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha before negotiations on the country's future. The ANC strategy is to isolate the Zulu leader and force him to sit with the government at a two-sided negotiating table, while he is striving for recognition as an independent leader.

Mr de Klerk held separate discussions with Chief Buthelezi and General Holomisa yesterday, and is expected to confer with Mr Mandela next week. But even if he succeeds in bringing the sides together, it does not follow that the violence will end. In spreading from Natal to South Africa's industrial heartland the conflict has acquired a tribal dimension and is in danger of degenerating into a Xhosa-Zulu war.

Mr Mandela's room for manoeuvre is limited by militant ANC youths, and as the number of Zulu dead grows, Chief Buthelezi's supporters may expect him to lead them as a warlord.

● **Mrs Mandela's post:** Winnie Mandela, the controversial wife of Nelson Mandela, has been named head of the ANC's social welfare operations. *(AP)*

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New BA jet to corner huge market

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Aerospace plans to break into the booming regional aircraft market with an "economy" version of the four-engined 146. But airlines will only be able to buy a minimum of ten at a time.

By using the unique bulk order sales technique British Aerospace hopes to cut the price of each 146 — the best-selling British commercial jet aircraft ever produced — from $21 million to $18 million (£9.4 million) and compete with the only serious challenger, the Canadair RJ regional jet.

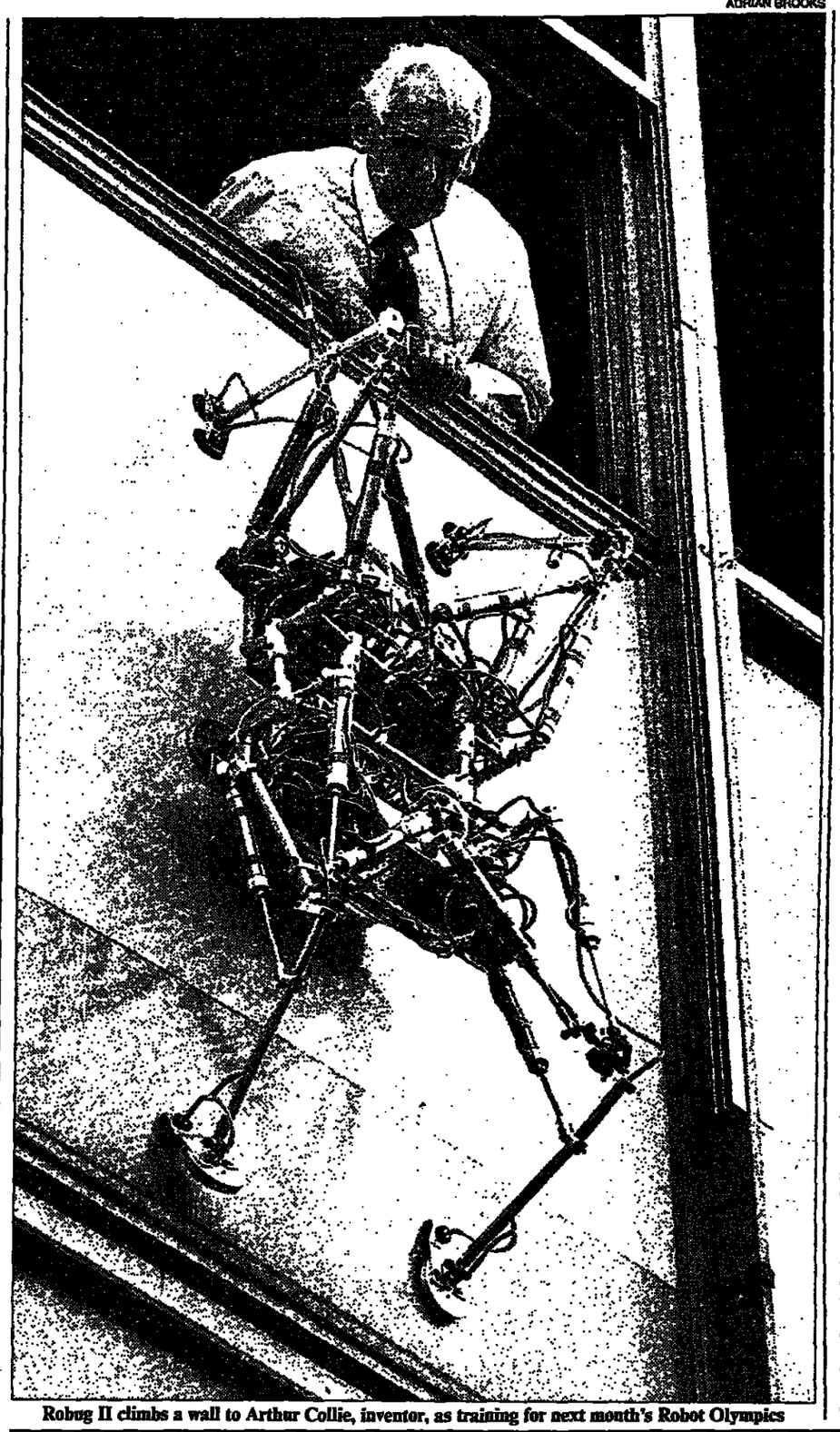
Salesmen have targeted potential customers in Europe and America and have high hopes of selling the airliner, known as the RJ 80, to Sabena World Airlines in which British Airways has a 20 per cent stake. The new Brussels-based airline plans to buy up to 70 jets to operate a complex "hub and spoke" operation linking 75 cities throughout Europe.

The RJ 80 will be almost identical to the existing 146-100 series but with lower powered engines and improved cockpit instrumentation. It will seat 80 passengers and the firm claims it will offer three times the profit potential of its Canadair competitor. Regional jet aircraft have suddenly taken on a new importance because of serious congestion at many airports.

● **Higher fares:** British Airways is to raise domestic air fares by six per cent from mid-September after a 36.3 per cent increase in the price of aviation fuel since the beginning of August.

The new fares will raise the cost of flying from London to Glasgow by £5 to £87.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Robug II climbs a wall to Arthur Collie, inventor, as training for next month's Robot Olympics

Timetable for unity is agreed

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disgruntled SPD deputies could call for a vote on immediate reunification today. The head of the SPD faction in parliament, Richard Schröder, said that he was resigning his post. He was among those faction leaders who reached the compromise with the prime minister, but said he was resigning because of the SPD's decision on Sunday to pull out of the government coalition.

The ultra-conservative German Social Union said it would push for immediate reunification unless the SPD support a German unity treaty currently under negotiation. Herr de Maizière has insisted that unity should come only after approval of the treaty. The fate of that treaty is clouded by the collapse of Herr de Maizière's broad coalition government on Sunday and by deep differences on key passages of the document.

According to the compromise, the Volkskammer will meet in special session on October 9, the anniversary of the first mass pro-democracy demonstrations in Leipzig that eventually toppled the communist regime. At that session, the parliament will vote to merge with West Germany, effective on October 14. East German state elections are to be held the same day.

Herr de Maizière said the special parliament session will give lawmakers a final opportunity to "deal with our past and our future". He said the compromise allowed the debate on unity to "regain a certain amount of dignity."

The West German government welcomed the decision. "This timetable will allow us to complete the requirements for an orderly path toward unity," said the chief government spokesman, Hans Klein.

Meanwhile, thousands of East German public service employees staged lightning strikes on Tuesday to press demands for pay rises, paralysing bus, underground railway and tram services in East Berlin.

● **BRUSSELS:** The European Commission will take on temporary emergency powers to allow it to implement European Community legislation in a united Germany the day after unification, Jacques Delors, the Commission president, said yesterday (Michael Binyon writes).

Delors welcomes UK plans for ecu

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

JACQUES Delors, president of the European Commission, yesterday said Britain's proposals for a hard ecu were positive and would be carefully studied if they were intended as a stage to full European economic and monetary union.

However, he warned John Major, the chancellor, that if the proposals were intended to halt progress towards monetary union, the commission would pay little attention to them.

He called on Britain to clarify its purpose and say how far it wanted to go. The hard ecu could be a "potent factor" in the eventual success of monetary union. M Delors said he did not reject the chancellor's ideas, and would recommend further study of them by his commission colleagues.

Speaking after the commission yesterday broadly endorsed a paper laying out the steps to monetary union, a single currency and a central system of European banks, M Delors insisted he wanted to include all members on the road to EMU: "It is the duty of the commission that its flock does not lose any sheep on the way," he said. Brussels would take into account the mood in Britain on the subject. But M Delors said this was now changing rapidly, as the benefits of membership of the exchange-rate mechanism became clearer.

He said the crucial preparations for the inter-governmental conference on EMU will start in Rome on September 7, when EC finance ministers will meet informally to look at what must now be done.

The commission paper estimated that a single European currency would save 20 billion ecus a year in transaction costs. It would remove uncertainties for exporters, lead to price stability and bring down inflation.

The commission urges the beginning of the second phase of EMU on January 1 1993. During this phase the Eurofed, a European central bank, should be set up. This must be fully independent of national governments, but also democratically accountable. The president should be appointed by the council of ministers in consultation with the European parliament. His job would be to enforce price stability, and intervene in markets under guidelines established by the council of ministers.

The commission proposes outlawing the monetary financing of national deficits by member governments. It also wants to ban "excessive" budget deficits. It also insists that the EC will not bail out member states which have got into financial difficulties through their own mismanagement.

M Delors was reluctant to name the starting date for the third, and final, stage of EMU. He said Brussels could not decree the start of such a process in advance.

Saudi Arabia seeks a million doom suits

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Saudi Arabia's air force has been supplied with 10,000 suits and gas masks, though BAe played down speculation that a Saudi government order for widespread civilian protection could lead to a total request for two million. Newspapers in Saudi Arabia are said to be advertising them.

Demand for NBC suits from the three British companies licensed to make them coincides with concern from scientists about their usefulness in Saudi Arabia, where the temperature in the shade was 104F yesterday. Dr Alastair Hay, a chemical pathologist from Leeds University and chairman of an academic working party on chemical and biological warfare, said yesterday that human tolerance of the suit may be no more than 30 minutes.

He added that so-called auto-injectors used to administer antidote to a victim were "more morale-boosters than life-savers". Death from heat stress in the suits, which weigh 5lbs, would be likely within a limited number of hours.

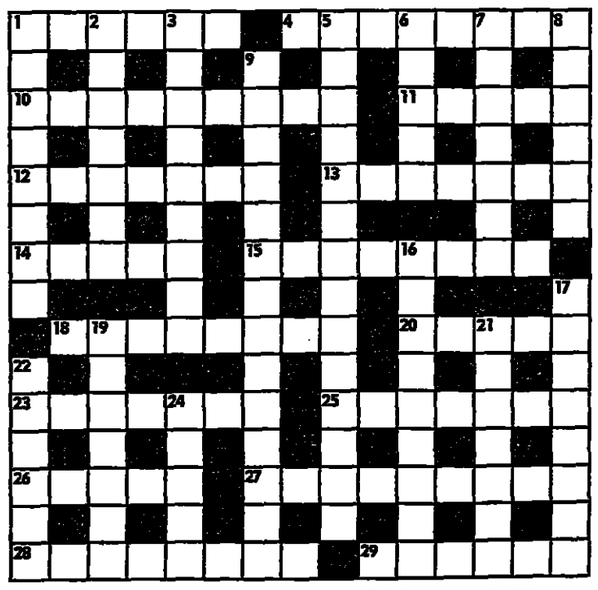
BAe, which has issued 1,000 of the charcoal-lined suits to its remaining employees in Dhahran who service Saudi Arabia's Tornado squadrons, admitted that the suits are potential killers in the heat.

In a letter to staff dated August 13, a copy of which has been obtained by *The Times*, BAe said that employees face a greater danger from dehydration in equipment including an MK 4 suit, S10 respirator, gloves and boots than from chemical warfare.

The letter, from P A Champniss, BAe manager at King Abdulaziz air base, Dhahran, tells employees not to do physical work unless it is urgent, to drink regularly and to watch for "signs and symptoms from birds, dogs and other people" if under attack.

None of the three manufacturers would discuss the protective clothing. A reliable source in the industry said that defence ministry stores had been sufficiently maintained to supply "the whole British Army" before the crisis began at the start of the month. The suits normally cost up to £200.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,379

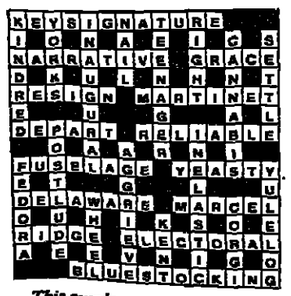


ACROSS

1 Tiny creature makes vet lose heart (6).
4 In fight, not having to lose consciousness (5,3).
10 It's cruel using spur endlessly on horse (9).
11 The old note part of speech that's about the close of life (5).
12 Leader showing panic at disorder (7).
13 Silver involved in bizarre offence (7).
14 Grub in spectacular variety (5).
15 During walk, girl is open to suggestion (8).
18 A couple rented jewelry (8).
20 Yellow flowers in a ring around window (5).
23 Content if stays are tight (7).
25 Gypsy holds information about one fighting in the ring (7).
26 Hunter bags head of oryx, reebok and impala outside Nairobi (5).
27 Love girl to win a second time (4,5).
28 You and I about to be beset by attractive fly (4,4).
29 Cave comes to mind (6).

DOWN

1 How stupid am I, to be keeping rising parasites (8).
2 Bow's used the wrong way by fiddler (7).
3 Accident almost involving foreigner's vehicle (9).
5 Get cross, having seen some petrol spilt (4,4,6).
6 Measure how to make ten thousand, say (5).
7 Blanket — it provides protection (7).
8 There were seven against this article, but eight supporters, initially (6).
9 Job only rancher can create, producing malt liquor (4,10).
16 Completely change one's views on the subject of sauce (5-4).
17 But we're told where this carriage ended (8).
19 Give more consideration to the changes accepted by bowlers (7).
21 A country — North America, or part of it (7).
22 Companion of Cortes, possibly (6).
24 Stitch holds in tendon (5).



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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

POMAK
a. Apple brandy
b. An Ameriodian tribe
c. A Muslim Bulgar

WABI
a. An attractive flaw
b. A dried-up watercourse
c. Samurai's code of honour

ECAD
a. Ecologically adapted
b. A lower-class cad
c. Fallen matter

SEI
a. An old Japanese coin
b. A musical instruction
c. A whale

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AA ROADWATCH

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WEATHER

England and Wales will start overcast, perhaps with a little rain or drizzle. Cloud breaks should develop away from western coasts and hills with the best of the sunshine in eastern areas. Northern Ireland and south-west Scotland will be rather cloudy with a little rain. The rest of Scotland will be mainly dry with a few showers in the north-west. Outlook: dry but cloudy in south, some rain elsewhere.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Majorca	34	93	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Malaga	29	84	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malta	29	84	s
Algiers	30	86	s	Melb'rne	11	52	c
Amst'dm	17	63	c	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Athens	32	90	s	Miami*	33	91	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Milan	29	84	s
Barbados*	31	88	f	Montreal*	21	70	s
Barcelona	31	88	s	Moscow	16	61	c
Belgrade	31	88	s	Munich	16	61	c
Berlin	14	57	c	Nairobi	23	73	c
Bermuda*	29	84	s	Naples	28	82	f
Biarritz	24	75	s	N Delhi	35	95	c
Borde'x	26	79	s	N York*	21	70	c
Brussels	17	63	c	Nice	27	81	s
Budapest	16	61	r	Oslo	20	68	f
B Aires*	18	64	f	Paris	22	72	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Peking	29	84	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Perth	14	57	f
C'blanca	26	79	s	Prague	14	57	r
Chicago*	23	73	r	Reykjvik	11	52	c
Ch'church	-	-	-	Rhodes	30	86	s
Cologne	17	63	c	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phagn	19	66	f	Riyadh	40	104	c
Corfu	30	86	s	Rome	27	81	c
Dublin	18	64	c	Salzburg	16	61	c
Dubrovnik	27	81	s	S Frisco*	18	64	c
Faro	23	73	f	Santiago*	21	70	s
Florence	29	84	f	S Paulo*	25	77	c
Frankfurt	19	66	c	Seoul	24	75	r
Funchal	25	77	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	23	73	f	Sr'holm	20	68	f
Gibraltar	29	84	s	Strasb'rg	19	66	f
Helsinki	18	64	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	31	88	c	Tangier	25	77	s
Innsbruck	17	63	r	Tel Aviv	30	86	f
Istanbul	31	88	s	Tenerife	28	82	c
Jeddah	37	99	c	Tokyo	33	91	s
Jo'burg*	13	55	s	Toronto*	18	64	c
Karachi	31	88	f	Tunis	34	93	f
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	32	90	s
Le Tquet	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	19	66	c
Lisbon	24	75	f	Venice	25	77	f
Locarno	27	81	s	Vienna	19	66	c
L Angeles*	-	-	-	Warsaw	16	61	f
Luxembg	16	61	f	Wash'ton*	18	64	c
Luxor	39	102	s	Wel'nton	-	-	-
Madrid	28	82	s	Zurich	18	64	f

*denotes Monday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 61 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.3 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,024.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Thorney Island, West Sussex, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Cromer, Norfolk, 1.89 in; highest sunshine: Norwich, Norfolk, 11.9 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.09 in. Sun. 24 hr to 6pm, 1.6 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6pm, 2.3 hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 10.15am, 4pm, 4.45pm, 5pm, 5.10pm, 7.15pm, 10pm and 11pm

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	10.7	.02	19	66	sunny
Hunstanton	9.7	.49	19	66	sunny
Cromer	9.9	1.89	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	11.0	.18	20	68	sunny
Clacton	11.6	.31	20	68	sunny
Margate	10.6	.15	20	68	sunny
Folkestone	10.5	.15	22	72	sunny
Hastings	10.8	.06	22	72	sunny
Eastbourne	10.4	.26	21	70	sunny
Brighton	10.4	.05	21	70	sunny
Worthing	8.2	.04	21	70	sunny
Littlehampton	8.8	.09	21	70	sunny
Bognor Regis	9.7	.03	21	70	sunny
Southsea	8.9	.04	22	72	sunny
Shanklin	8.2	.04	20	68	bright
Bournemouth	9.3	.02	21	70	sunny
Poole	9.0	.01	21	70	sunny
Swanage	8.9	.02	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	9.3	-	20	68	sunny
Exmouth	7.4	-	19	66	sunny
Teignmouth	10.2	-	20	68	sunny
Torquay	10.6	.04	21	70	sunny
Penzance	9.5	.03	20	68	sunny
Scilly Isles	5.2	-	19	66	sunny
Jersey	10.5	.05	20	68	sunny
Guernsey	11.4	-	20	68	sunny
St. Ives	8.1	.02	18	64	bright
Saunton Snd	8.2	.14	18	64	bright
Minehead	8.1	.03	19	66	bright
Blackpool	4.3	.23	17	63	rain
Morecambe	3.8	.08	16	61	bright
Douglas	0.2	.02	15	59	cloudy
Birmingham	6.8	.24	19	66	bright
Bristol	7.8	.25	19	66	bright
Bitdon	1.8	.96	12	54	rain
Leeds	9.6	.15	19	66	sunny
Newcastle	10.8	-	18	64	sunny
Nottingham	6.2	.49	18	64	bright
Plymouth	8.8	.01	19	66	sunny

Monday's figures are latest available.

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Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706*
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709*
Shrops,Heref'd & Worcs	710*
Central Midlands	711*
East Midlands	712*
Lincs & Humberside	713*
Dyfed & Powys	714*
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716*
W & S Yorks & Dales	717*
N E England	718*
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

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*includes pollen count.

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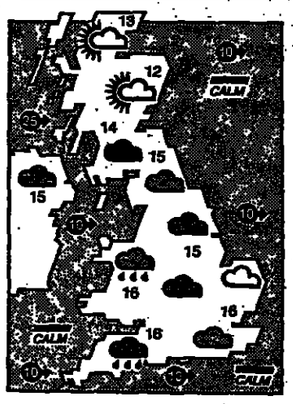

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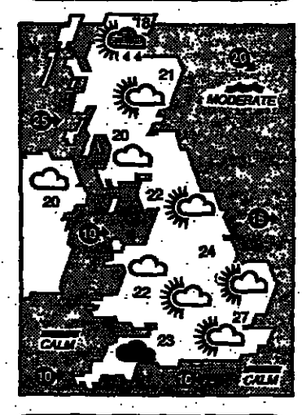

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.09 pm to 5.58 am
Bristol 8.19 pm to 6.08 am
Edinburgh 8.33 pm to 5.58 am
Manchester 8.23 pm to 6.02 am
Penzance 8.28 pm to 6.23 am

Sun rises: 5.57 am. Sun sets: 8.09 pm.
Moon rises: 6.19 am. Moon sets: 8.27 pm.
First Quarter August 28

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	17	63c		Guernsey	18	64c	
B'ngham	18	64c		Inverness	15	59c	
Blackpool	16	61c		Jersey	19	66c	
Bristol	19	66f		London	21	70f	
Cardiff	19	66c		M'chester	16	61d	
Edinburgh	16	61r		Newcastle	16	61c	
Glasgow	14	57d		R'ndaway	16	61c	

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.50	7.2	4.03	7.1	Liverpool	12.57	9.7	1.18	9.4
Aberdeen	2.54	4.4	3.30	4.2	Lowestoft	11.11	2.6	00.00	2.3
Avonmouth	9.19	13.2	9.33	13.5	Margate	2.06	4.7	2.07	4.7
Belfast	12.40	3.7	1.15	3.3	Milford Haven	8.12	7.0	8.27	7.2
Cardiff	9.04	12.2	9.18	12.4	Newquay	7.02	7.0	7.17	7.2
Devonport	7.57	5.4	8.09	5.6	Oban	7.50	3.9	7.52	4.1
Dover	12.50	6.5	1.05	6.8	Penzance	6.56	5.5	7.09	5.7
Falmouth	7.27	5.2	7.39	5.4	Portland	9.15	2.2	9.22	2.4
Glasgow	2.25	5.1	3.08	4.7	Portsmouth	1.07	4.7	1.38	4.8
Harwich	1.42	4.1	1.55	4.1	Shoreham	12.52	6.2	1.20	6.3
Holyhead	—	—	12.19	5.4	Southampton	12.31	4.5	12.59	4.6
Hull	8.04	7.8	8.38	7.3	Swansea	8.24	9.4	8.38	9.6
Ilfracombe	8.02	9.2	8.17	9.4	Tees	5.30	5.6	5.57	5.3
King's Lynn	6.19	7.0	6.54	6.6	W'ton-on-Nze	1.35	4.3	1.45	4.3

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

NOON TODAY

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BUSINESS

City Editor
John Bell

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22 1990

Co-founder quits Hazlewood board

DENNIS Jones, a co-founder of Hazlewood Foods, has quit the board of the company after his name was not put forward for re-election at the annual meeting in Derby.

Peter Barr, the chairman and the other man behind Hazlewood's meteoric growth during the past 15 years, said because of a recent illness Mr Jones had been unable to give an assurance to the board that he would be able to devote all his time to the company.

The illness followed a "technical omission" made in the listing particulars of an Irish property company, Seafield, of which Mr Jones had also been a director, said Mr Barr.

Mr Jones was criticised by his fellow directors at Seafield after he failed to reveal a £1.28 million payment he received, which he has since repaid, in the listing particulars.

Nadir quizzed

Asil Nadir, the chairman and biggest shareholder of Polly Peck, was asked by the Stock Exchange committee on quotations yesterday why he withdrew his bid approach for the group so abruptly on Friday. The interview is one of a series the committee has conducted over two days to determine the events leading to the withdrawal which wiped 25 per cent from the value of the stock.

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Willis ahead

Willis Faber, the insurance broker planning a £1.1 billion merger with Corroon & Black in America, reported a 33 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £57.7 million in the first half, despite the sluggish insurance market.

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Hickson slips

Hickson International, the chemicals and merchant distributors group, has reported a 10 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £18.3 million for the first half of 1990. The interim dividend is increased by 9 per cent to 2.85p.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.9210 (+0.0030)
W German mark
2.9900 (–0.0015)
Exchange index
95.8 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1615.7 (–43.8)
FT-SE 100
2108.1 (–48.5)
New York Dow Jones
2609.16 (–47.28)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26297.84 (–192.63)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15-14 31/32%
3-month eligible bills: 14⅝-14 11/32%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 7 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.56-7.55%*
30-year bonds 97 27/32-97 28/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.9210	£: $1.9221*
£: DM2.9900	$: DM1.5545*
£: SwFr2.4675	$: SwFr1.2845*
£: FFr10.0660	$: FFr5.2295*
£: Yen282.10	$: Yen146.30*
£: Index:95.8	$: Index:63.2
ECU £0.689255	SDR £0.721620
£: ECU1.450841	£: SDR1.385770

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $407.85 pm-$413.80
close $413.75-414.25 (£215.25-215.75)
New York:
Comex $406.20-406.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ..... $29.00 bbl ($29.05)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.465	2.305
Austria Sch	21.90	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.60	60.60
Canada $	2.275	2.145
Denmark Kr	11.99	11.29
Finland Mkk	7.39	6.99
France Fr	10.47	9.87
Germany Dm	3.115	2.935
Greece Dr	301	265
Hong Kong $	15.48	14.58
Ireland Pt	1.169	1.099
Italy Lira	2310	2180
Japan Yen	296.50	279.50
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.305
Norway Kr	12.10	11.40
Portugal Esc	274.75	259.75
South Africa Rd	5.10	4.60
Spain Pta	193	181
Sweden Kr	11.45	10.83
Switzerland Fr	2.59	2.43
Turkey Lira	5240	4940
USA $	2.00	1.89
Yugoslavia Dnr	25.00	19.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 126.8 (July)

OS

UK needs years of austerity, says OECD

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

THE British economy faces years of austerity if long-term inflationary pressures are to be removed, according to a report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

In a generally gloomy review of underlying economic trends, economists at the Paris group say there is no sign that the rise in inflation has been firmly stopped. The government faces a bigger challenge of bringing down inflation permanently even if the latest rise in prices is tempered.

"This will call for a tight stance of macroeconomic policies for the foreseeable future," says the report.

The government is criticised for letting the public sector debt repayment fall to virtually zero, discounting assets sales.

The OECD blames tax cuts for part of the revival in inflation and says fiscal policy will need to reinforce monetary policy more strongly, especially if sterling joins the exchange-rate mechanism of the EMS. The report favours early ERM entry because the medium-term financial strategy (MTFS) — the framework of policy for the past decade — "lacks a sufficiently credible anchor for monetary policy" due to the progressive abandonment of monetary targets.

The OECD implies that the usefulness of the MTFS has been undermined by the failure to come to grips with inflation. Swift entry into the ERM could therefore be justified even before inflation has been brought nearer continental levels, because this could help cut ingrained inflationary expectations on pay.

The report is relatively optimistic about growth, forecasting a rise from 1 to 2 per cent next year because of buoyant demand for exports. But this is mainly because it does not expect the government's anti-inflationary policy to achieve quick success due to the strength of pay increases and a relatively slow adjustment by industry.

Underlying consumer price inflation, adjusted for distortions due to the Community charge, is forecast to stay at 6 per cent next year. The trade deficit is expected to remain much higher than the chancellor has predicted.

The credit squeeze has had only limited success, says the OECD, because domestic output has dropped, as has consumer demand.

"The overall balance between domestic demand and supply has not yet improved much," the report concludes. "On present policies, the rebalancing process of the economy is likely to continue, though at a slow pace."

Britain's balance of payments deficit is also a more central problem than the government admits, the report suggests. With the heavy outflow of long-term portfolio investment, this makes Britain dependent on attracting volatile shprt-term money. Even after entry into the ERM, therefore, there may well be a risk premium on sterling that will require higher interest rates than in other member countries, even if high rates were not needed for domestic monetary policy.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said: "The OECD's forecasts demonstrate the extent of Britain's domestic economic problems, problems that are entirely of the government's making.

"The report leaves no scope for the government to blame its economic failings on the Gulf crisis and shows how poorly placed Britain is to cope with the economic consequences."

Differing forecasts (% rise)

	OECD 1990	1991	Treasury 1990
Gross domestic product (rise)	1.00	2.00	1.00
Private consumption	1.00	1.50	1.25
Government consumption	0.75	1.00	0.25
Private investment	-1.25	0.75	-2.0
Public investment	4.00	4.50	3.75
Exports	7.50	6.75	7.25
Consumer prices(underlying)	6.75	6.00	n/a
Unemployment rate (%)	6	6.5	n/a
Balance of payments deficit	£17.5bn	£14bn	£15bn

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West 'has little hope of curbing oil price'

By Martin Barrow

OIL analysts are sceptical about the ability of Western governments to tame volatile prices in the Rotterdam spot market by releasing strategically held stocks, currently at record levels.

However, as oil prices surge towards $30 a barrel, forcing the cost of petrol even higher, industrial nations are likely to come under increasing political pressure from hard-hit consumers to begin to draw down substantial strategic reserves built up since the last oil crisis.

The International Energy Agency estimated that by the end of July, stocks held by members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development amounted to 99 days of forward cover, with companies holding 69 days' stocks and governments the balance. About two-thirds of total reserves of 1 billion barrels are held in America.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has said output should not be increased to offset the loss of 4 million barrels of oil a day from Iraq and Kuwait while Western stocks are so high.

Even though Saudi Arabia has said that it is ready to produce an additional 2 million barrels, spot market prices have been driven higher by fears that demand will outstrip supply, particularly as the northern hemisphere approaches the winter quarter.

By releasing for sale strategically held oil, governments could in theory hit prices in Rotterdam, the world's leading market for physical oil stocks. But they are thought unlikely to act yet.

Jeremy Hudson, an analyst at Shearson Lehman Brothers, the American securities house, said: "People are frightened that things will get a lot worse. By releasing stocks now governments would possibly be expending all potential to head off a crisis if things get really bad."

According to Shearson Lehman, stocks held by oil companies provide cover for 70 days, against 87 days in 1982 when demand was 6.5 million barrels a day lower than in 1990.

Under an EC directive, European countries are required to maintain 90 days of forward cover. Britain, which is a net exporter of oil, has special dispensation and normally maintains a lower level of stocks.

Oil traders fear that the use of strategic stocks at this stage would send exactly the opposite signal to the market to the one the government intended.

Stephen Turner, an analyst at Smith New Court, said: "These are emergency stockpiles after all — they exist to be used only in an emergency. The market would deduce that governments are therefore preparing for the worst."

Shooting war rumour sends shares reeling

By Our City Staff

SHARES had a rough ride yesterday after rumours of shooting in the Gulf, later denied, wiped billions of pounds off nervous markets round the world within minutes.

Shortly before 10 am, dealers heard a rumour that an American jet had been shot down by an Iraqi missile. The FT-SE index of 100 leading shares plummeted by more than 44 points despite a denial of the rumour by the BBC World Service and by the American authorities within half an hour.

The index closed, down 48.5 on the day at 2,108.1, the market's biggest daily fall since last October 16. The plunge knocked almost £9 billion off the value of listed companies.

One dealer said: "The market is being undermined by fears the US is moving closer and closer to war with Iraq. No one wants to buy."

Selling pressure, however, remained relatively light with 411 million shares traded.

Gilts lost about half a point as the prospect of lower interest rates faded.

It was the same story in Paris, Milan and Frankfurt, where German shares hit a 1990 low.

Heightened Middle East tension saw the London gold price rise to $415.25 an ounce at one stage, though profit-taking left gold at $414 for a $4.25 rise on the day.

Dealers said the market was nervous because of the fast-changing situation, which was compounded by producer selling. Silver rose in sympathy and closed 2.5p higher at 271.25p an ounce. Platinum was $3.50 up at $503.25 an ounce.

Sterling, driven by its high interest rate attraction, safe haven factors, and its residual petrocurrency status, closed at $1.9215 in London, slighly up from Monday's $1.9195 close.

The pound also remained firm against the mark to close at DM2.9917 against Monday's DM2.9903 close. Sterling's trade-weighted index closed at 95.8, unchanged from Monday's close.

American financial markets traded nervously on increasing speculation of a war in the Middle East, which provided volatile trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 31.9 points at 2624.5 points in early afternoon trading, after falling over 75 points earlier in the day, triggering New York Stock Exchange circuit breakers.

Events in the Middle East continued to drive spot and future prices of crude oil. In London, October Brent, which opened at $27.38 a barrel, breached $28 barrel, although prices fell back to around $27.50 in later trading.

The prospect of increased oil production from Saudia Arabia to partly offset the loss of crude from Iraq and Kuwait failed to halt the surge forward.

Stephen Turner, an analyst of Smith New Court, said: "We had always assumed that Opec would increase production. What the market is asking is not whether the Saudis can increase production but whether there will be a war."

In Rotterdam, spot gasoline prices rose another $10 to $400 a tonne, an 11-year high. Spot prices have risen by 22 per cent in one week and by 55 per cent since Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2, easily outpacing a 36 per cent increase in the price of Brent crude.

In New York, oil futures had topped the $29 a barrel level but in early afternoon trading the West Texas Intermediate was down 51 cents a barrel at $28.05.

The US bond market was chaotic with the yield on the 30-year treasury bond reaching the 9 per cent mark for the first time since May before running slightly to trade at 8.9 per cent yields in early afternoon trading.

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Next deals to net £80m

Cutting group borrowings: David Jones, Next chief executive

NEXT, the fashion and mail order retailer, is believed to be close to selling both its property development portfolio and Club 24, its credit card management operation (writes Gillian Bowditch). The group is expected to raise a total of £80 million from the disposals, which will be used to reduce the group's £133 million in borrowings.

Ford Sellar Morris, the property company chaired by Irvine Sellar, has made an offer of about £40 million for the property development portfolio. A deal is expected to be reached in the next four weeks.

FSM is believed to have been given an exclusive option to buy the Next property division pending a review of the portfolio. FSM is said to have started pre-marketing Next properties which were valued in the company's accounts at £66 million. They include a large number of high street retail sites. If a deal is not done within the next few weeks FSM loses its exclusive option. David Jones, Next's chief executive, refused to comment.

Next has invited offers for its credit card operation and the auction has not yet closed. GE Capital, the financial arm of General Electric of the US which last month paid £182.7 million for Burton's financial services division is the favourite to buy the operation. Next is expected to have finalised both deals by the time it announces interim results in October.

The proceeds of the sales will be used to reduce borrowings and could bring Next's gearing ratio down from 34 per cent to 15 per cent. There is also the possiblity that the group will buy back some of the £100 million in convertible Eurobonds issued in 1987.

Next recently found a tenant for half its London flagship store in Kensington High Street. Pentos, the retailer which owns the bookshop chain Dillons, is to create London's largest book store on the site.

Dunsdale cash find by receivers

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

THE liquidators at Dunsdale Securities, the collapsed investment firm, have discovered another £600,000 of investors' money to bring the total amount traced close to £1 million.

The additional funds come from two loans of £400,000 and £200,000 made by Dunsdale. The liquidators are uncertain whether they can recover the money.

Dunsdale's former investors were told the news at a creditors meeting in the West End yesterday, whenHarold Sorsky of Sorsky Defries and Ray Hocking of Stoy Hayward were confirmed as joint liquidators.

Mr Sorsky said he is searching for a total of up to £6 million invested in the company which is untraced.

He added that the liquidators are now planning to pursue claims against Dunsdale's advisers, including its banks.

Trump rescue plan receives approval

From John Durie in New York

DONALD Trump, the embattled New York property developer, yesterday received final approval for his refinancing package, aimed at giving him time to sell down his assets, when the New Jersey Casino Control Commission agreed a loan bail-out package that included $65 million in new loans and suspension of interest payments on $850 million in other loans.

The commission decision was needed as the bank deal required extra security over Mr Trump's casino interests in Atlantic City.

Ms Valerie Armstrong, the commission's chairwoman, said the board approved the debt plan with "severe reservations" adding "this is not a total solution".

Mr Trump is due to make a $47 million payment to bondholders of his $1.3 billion Taj Mahal casino resort. While he has welcomed the decision, he still faces strong difficulties in saving an empire built on $3.2 billion of debts.

Kenneth Leventhal & Co, the accountant, said that if Mr Trump was forced to liquidate his empire he would have a negative net worth of $294 million.

Under the deal with the banks, which include National Westminster Bank, he must sell personal assets and parts of his property empire to avoid bankruptcy.

Mr Trump ran into financial difficulties this year when cash generated from his casino empire fell short of interest payments due on his huge debts. He also has the problem of trying to sell assets as a forced seller in a falling New York property market. Mr Trump owns three Atlantic City casinos, a half interest in the New York Grand Hyatt hotel and the New York Plaza hotel.

Queensway's 417 stores to reopen

LOWNDES Queensway, which went into receivership owing more than £200 million, is to open all its 417 stores today. The shops have been shut since the receivers were called in a week ago. The thousands who have paid millions in deposits for furniture and carpets, will be told where to send details of their insurance claims.

A City accountancy firm is expected to handle Lowndes' £15 million insurance policy for customer deposits. But customers will have to wait several days before learning whether the fund will be large enough to meet their claims in full.

Roof caves in on girder cartel

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

THREE national suppliers of steel roofing sections used in commercial buildings are being taken to the restrictive practices court for operating a secret cartel to share out markets and fix prices.

Alleged covert deals were struck between Ayrshire Metal Products (Daventry) of Irvine, Ayrshire; Metal Sections of Oldbury, West Midlands, part of the Meisec group; and Ward Building Systems, based at Malton, north Yorkshire, which is part of Ward Group.

They account for a substantial part of the steel purlins (triangulated roof girders) market and have admitted to secret accords over seven years from 1983 onwards. The agreements have now ended.

This is the latest in a series of price-fixing cartels uncovered in the construction materials industry by the Office of Fair Trading. Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, has said the construction materials industry had the worst record for such practices.

Sir Gordon has campaigned for tougher laws to deter the cartels. Last year a white paper proposed reforms to the 30-year-old restrictive trade practices legislation, including powers to impose fines of up to £1 million on offending companies and up to £100,000 on company directors or managers involved in making cartel arrangements.

Companies can be fined only if a court order prohibiting an agreement is in force and the company has re-offended. Then fines can be unlimited.

The purlin deals were discovered after a complaint from a small manufacturer of steel purlins encountered problems in trying to expand its market share.

Sir Gordon has appealed to anyone with any knowledge to bring further possible cartels to his notice. "I trust that anybody suspecting agreements between suppliers will not hesitate to contact my office. This is yet another anti-competitive agreement to come to light among suppliers of materials in the construction industry. I have commented only recently on the damaging effect such cartels can have on an industry and its customers. In this case the companies account for most of the steel roofing purlins market.

"It is particularly worrying that the agreement had been in operation for seven years and is admitted to have involved senior representatives of the companies. I hope to take court action at the earliest opportunity."

At the restrictive practices court, Sir Gordon will ask for orders against the companies to stop them reviving the restrictive agreements

Airtours to set up its own airline

By Jonathan Prynn

AIRTOURS, Britain's fourth largest tour operator, is to set up its own airline in response to the collapse of a number of small independent airlines.

The company is to lease five new short-haul aircraft, which will provide 60 per cent of its summer and 90 per cent of its winter requirements.

The airline, using the Airtours name, is expected to be operation by next spring. It will take bookings only from within the Airtours group.

Airtours is expected to decide within three weeks whether to lease Boeing, Airbus or McDonnell Douglas aircraft.

Its flying costs, which run to "many tens of millions of pounds" will be reduced by between 5 per cent and 10 per cent on services where the in-house airline is used, said Harry Coe, finance director. The aircraft will be considerably more fuel-efficient than the aircraft now chartered by Airtours.

Airtours hopes to achieve "industry average" profits on the airline operations – about £750,000 a year per aircraft – by their second year of use.

David Crossland, the chairman, said the withdrawal from the British market of independent airlines like Paramount, Hispania and British Island Airlines resulted in a shortage of short-haul charter aircraft and higher charter prices. In view of this, Airtours decided to set up the airline "to secure the core of the short-haul flying capacity it requires and, in so doing, provide an additional opportunity to earn profits within the group."

Start-up costs are expected to be met from the company's £20 million cash resources. As a back-up, to cover cost overruns, Airtours has mandated the Manchester office of NM Rothschild, the merchant bank, to arrange a £7 million three-year revolving credit facility at one percentage point over Libor.

The total size of the start-up costs are not being disclosed but will cover crew training, and purchases of and deposits on aircraft spares.

Mr Crossland said the volumes in the holiday market were about 10 per cent down on last year but were expected to pick up by 5-10 per cent over the next few years.

Airtours will not be immediately affected by the recent rise in fuel costs because it has signed fuel contracts for this winter and next summer and is giving no-surcharge guarantees for those periods.

Pickwick benefits in belt tightening

By Jonathan Prynn

PICKWICK Group, the cut-price record, tape, compact disc and video distributor, improved interim pre-tax profits by 60 per cent to £1.54 million as consumers, hit by higher interest rates, opted for products at the lower end of the market.

Ivor Schlosberg, chairman, said consumers who used to pay £10 to £11 for a CD were now paying £5 to £6 for cheaper lines. The company also benefited from its concentration on "collectable" videos, such as those associated with a particular football team. These tend to be bought by enthusiasts regardless of economic conditions.

Sales increased 50 per cent to £29.9 million and earnings per share 42 per cent to 3.88p.

Pickwick also announced the purchase of Crescent Direct, an audio and video mail order specialist, for a maximum £5 million. The final figure will be based on a three-year earnings related formula. The £110,000 initial payment will be in cash and the deferred consideration through issues of Pickwick shares.

Mr Schlosberg said trading conditions remained "encouraging". The company traditionally earns the bulk of its profits in the second half. Last year, pre-tax profits were £4.4 million.

The interim dividend has been increased by 32 per cent to 1.65p from 1.25p.

TED BATH

Strong demand: John Jackson, chairman of CEI

CEI slips to £5.3m

CAMBRIDGE Electronic Industries says events in the Middle East have resulted in a strong demand for the group's chemical agent monitors and explosive detection devices. A hand-held chemical agent monitor costs £5,000 but CEI is working on a cheaper version. CEI yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £5.33 million (£6.33 million) for the half year to end-June and declared an interim dividend of 3.3p (3p) a share.

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Takeover of Perchem referred to MMC

By Wolfgang Münchau
European Business Correspondent

THE £4 million takeover by NL Industries of Perchem, the specialist chemicals division of the Dutch group Akzo, based in Manchester, has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by the trade department.

There are fears that the takeover could give NL, an American chemicals group, a dominating share of the market for organoclays, a specialist chemical additive. NL's holding company, Valhi, also owns a 44 per cent stake in Baroid, Europe's third largest company in this sector after Valhi/NL and Perchem, which was set up ten years ago by former employees of NL.

The Perchem takeover would give NL/Valhi and Baroid more than 50 per cent of the market for low-grade organoclays, used on oil drills to prevent overheating, and between one third and one half of high-grade organoclays, used as additives to improve the consistency of paints.

Customers of the two companies in both sectors are understood to have complained that the takeover might lead to price increases. The European market for low-grade organoclays is worth about £3 million and for high-grade products, £55 million.

The Monopolies Commission has been asked to produce a report before November 30.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Troubled Cray sees pre-tax loss of £2.8m

CRAY Electronics, the troubled electronic equipment manufacturer now under new management, suffered pre-tax losses of £2.8 million for the year to end-April. There was an extraordinary charge of £10.3 million in respect of closures and stock writedowns, resulting in a loss of 2.84p a share against earnings of 0.72p last time. There is no dividend, against last year's total of 4.3p.

Taxable profits for the previous financial year have been restated for the second time, down from £5.4 million to £1.33 million, to cover stock write-offs and further revision of the accounts. Turnover was £117 million, against £107 million. Operating profits rose from £4.87 million to £5.92 million.

Japan orders Boeing 747s

ALL Nippon Airways of Japan has ordered 17 Boeing 747-400 jumbo jets for a total of $3.5 billion, Boeing announced yesterday. In a statement, Boeing, the world's leading aircraft manufacturer, said delivery of the four-engined aircraft would begin in 1995 and would be completed in the year 2000.

T&N offer is successful

T&N has acceptances for 10.8 million common shares, or about 99.5 per cent of those outstanding, in response to its offer for JP Industries of the US, which closed on Monday. T&N said that the receipt of more than 90 per cent of the shares will permit a merger of its T&N Automotive Components subsidiary and JP.

GFSA moves ahead

GOLD Fields of South Africa, the country's second largest mining group, is holding its final dividend at R1.30 a share, making an unchanged R2 for the year.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-June were R452.2 million (£92.2 million), against R366.7 million, but a higher tax charge left net profits attributable to ordinary shareholders at R360.6 million, against R329.8 million. Gold Fields of South Africa also made an extraordinary R97.5 million (R22.7 million) profit on the sale of investments. Anglo American and associates' 25 per cent stake in GFSA is being examined by the South African Competition Board.

Oil boost for Cavendish

CAVENDISH International Holdings, the investment subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa, expects to benefit from higher oil prices. The group announced net profits up 35 per cent to HK$547 million (£36.7 million) for the six months to end-June, and forecast improved earnings by its Canadian associate, Husky Oil.

AAF lifts profits 27%

PROFITS at AAF Investment Corporation rose 27 per cent to £2.01 million before tax in the six months to end-June. There is an interim dividend of 5p, against 4.5p. Earnings increased 21 per cent to 10.9p a share. Operating profits were £2.48 million while investment income was £1.5 million.

Lowe sells divisions

ROBERT H Lowe, the clothing manufacturer that owns Babygro, is selling two divisions, Lewing Sportswear and DH Leonard, to their management for £3 million to reduce group borrowings. Lowe made a pre-tax loss of £371,000 for the six months to end-April against a profit of £551,000. Turnover rose from £18.4 million to £18.9 million and the loss per share was 7.44p against earnings of 4.67p. There is no interim dividend.

Interest payable rose from £652,000 to £947,000 and there was an extraordinary charge of £310,000. Lowe said losses at Babygro had been the main problem and the division's programme for replacing management and installing proper control systems had proved costly.

Electricity profit warnings

By Martin Waller

THE profit forecasts that will accompany the flotations of the country's 12 electricity distribution companies this autumn will have to be hedged with "health warnings" to allow them to pass International Stock Exchange listing regulations.

There is already disquiet in the City that companies that have no trading record before March 31 are being given a listing, contrary to normal exchange rules, which require a three-year record.

This rule was relaxed for the flotation of the ten regional water companies' last year because they had clear predecessors, in the shape of the area boards, and because there was no significant change made to the financial structure of the industry.

In the case of electricity, however, the original Central Electricity Generating Board has been broken up into 15 bodies and the pricing arrangements in the industry have been dismantled to allow competition.

For this reason, the government's advisers are drawing up a range of detailed computer models covering past financial years which they will use to provide profit trends. But they admit privately that these are unlikely to be firm enough to obviate the need to draw potential investors' attention to the uncertainties involved.

Meanwhile, Legal & General has denied reports that it has dropped plans to put together a buyout plan for PowerGen.

"We are an interested party up until the date at which a mandate is finally given by PowerGen," said David Rough, managing director of securities at L & G. Any involvement by L & G would have to have the blessing of PowerGen management, he said. The management is attempting to put together a buyout package with S G Warburg, its merchant bank.

EBC Group housing sales slump

EBC Group, the southwest building contractor, has reduced its house building activities again. Having cut annual sales from 120 in 1988 to 40 in 1989, it sold just 17 units in the first six months of 1990.

Pre-tax profits at halfway were £2.2 million, narrowly down on 1989. More than half group profit came from contracting activities. The interim dividend stays at 3.5p.

David Stoneman, chairman, said: "The group's balance sheet is strong with negligible net borrowings at the half year and this reduced the effect of high interest rates."

Kuwaitis pull out of Asko stake deal

By Our European Business Correspondent

KUWAITI investors have pulled out of the DM300 million acquisition of a 10 per cent stake in Asko, one of West Germany's largest retail groups, because of the tension in the Middle East.

The stake has been taken up by Westdeutsche Landesbank (WestLB), one of the country's largest banks.

Asko also said the previous nomination of Sheikh Youssef Al-Sabah to its supervisory board had been cancelled.

Neither Asko nor WestLB has disclosed the price. Lonrho, the international trading company, paid DM281 million for a 10 per cent stake in Asko a month ago. Metro, the Swiss retail group, paid the same price for a 10 per cent stake last year. This price also reflects the present stock market value. The shares traded yesterday at about DM855.

The sale of the 10 per cent stake to WestLB completes the financial restructuring of Asko, leaving WestLB, Lonrho, Metro and Begoha Holding with stakes of 10 per cent each.

Asko expects a large rise in operating profits this year.

Middle East fears push German shares down 5.2%

Frankfurt

SHARES plunged 5.2 per cent as investors pulled out of the market, frightened that the war of words and economic sanctions against Iraq would soon escalate into military confrontation.

Prices started lower and continued their steady fall throughout a lively trading day. The DAX index ended 85.73 points down at a low for this year of 1,549.96.

Dealers said that both domestic and foreign investors sold heavily, although volumes tailed off later as most investors had already left the market. One trader said: "The mood was dreadful. Nobody wanted to hold German stocks any more."

Major blue chips were among the heaviest falls. Dealers said worries about the East German economy were almost completely overshadowed by the Gulf.

Increasingly worrying economic and political news from East Germany was compounded on Monday by the announcement that the president of East Germany's trust agency had resigned after only one month. The resignation of Reiner Goehlke, the head of the Treuhandanstalt, came in the face of overwhelming problems with the privatisation of East Germany's 8,000 state firms and the difficulties of attracting Western investment capital.

But such news has had little impact on German shares since the Gulf troubles started on August 2.

The DAX index is now some 343 points, or 18 per cent, below its close on August 1. It was last at these levels in late November. Optimistic forecasts that the DAX could surge to a high of above 2,000 points by the end of this year have had to be revised in the light of the Middle East.

The DAX's previous record of 1,976.43 was reached on March 30 as hopes that profits would be boosted through the opening of markets in the East prompted foreign buying. But traders say that German shares are likely to look cheap at these prices once the political uncertainty dissipates.

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Nikkei down 192 as caution rules

Tokyo

SHARES ended easier in anaemic trading after a variety of factors pushed the index into negative territory in the afternoon. Index-selling by arbitrageurs and investment trusts, position-squaring and fears about rising interest rates eroded gains.

Brad Bauer, the manager of Japanese equities at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan) Ltd, said: "In terms of mood, it couldn't be worse. It's a feeling of fear and caution." The Nikkei index lost 192.63 points, or 0.73 per cent, at 26,297.84. It fell by 296 points on Monday.

Turnover was 280 million shares, only a slight advance on Monday's 200 million, the lowest level in three years and ten months.

Mr Bauer said: "I don't remember when the market was this quiet."

The Nikkei has now fallen by 32 per cent from its record of 38,915.87, set on December 29, 1989.

● Sydney – Shares surged in the late afternoon to finish firmer on hopes of benefits from the Australian federal budget. The All-Ordinaries index ended 14.7 up at 1,552.9.

● Hong Kong – Shares ended lower in thin trading as Tokyo's softer close flustered Hong Kong's steadier tone. The Hang Seng index closed 12.84 down at 3,040 and the Hong Kong index fell 8.26 to 1,998.82.

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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE ends 48 points down as London follows New York

THE London stock market took events in the Middle East into its own hands yesterday. If the world's politicians could not decide who was going to shoot first, the stock market would second guess them.

Shortly before 10am, a rumour started that an American jet had been shot down by an Iraqi missile. The FT-SE 100 index, which had been drifting gently lower, plummeted by more than 44 points despite the fact that the rumour was denied by, first, the BBC's World Service and then by the American authorities within half an hour.

What followed was almost as interesting as the market's initial reaction to the fabricated news. The market regained some of its losses, but by late morning was still some 28 points off the day's opening. As one dealer commented: "If that is all the bounce (recovery) we're going to get when the rumour is false, what on earth is going to happen when it turns out to be true?"

London managed to retain what nerves it still had for a full two hours, before it became clear that Wall Street was not going to show the same early resilience that it had on Monday.

As the American market tumbled on a wave of futures-related selling, London followed it down. In London's last half-hour of trading, Wall Street's fall neared 80 points, dragging the FT-SE 100 index almost 60 points lower. But as both markets recovered their nerve somewhat, the FT-SE closed 48.5 lower at 2,108.1. The FT 30 index lost 43.8 to close at 1,615.7.

Selling, however, remained relatively light with 411 million shares traded. Gilts lost about half a point as the prospect of lower interest rates faded.

Stocks popular with American investors continued to bear the brunt of the fall. Reuters continued its extraordinary slide, falling another 80p to 758p. In the past four days, Reuters has fallen by 250 points as a result of profit downgradings and general American nervousness.

Glaxo was another American favourite on the way down, 20p cheaper at 700p, further hampered by concern about the prospects for its anti-ulcer drug. Wellcome tumbled 40p to 455p, while SmithKline Beecham lost 15½p to 512½p. ICI lost 19p to 901p. Saatchi & Saatchi fell 1p to 61p, while WPP, after attempting a rally, slid 5p to 464p. Manpower eased 2p to 54p.

The price of October crude edged towards $28 a barrel amid concern that, if war were to break out, the Saudi commitment to increase its own production by 2 million barrels a day was somewhat irrelevant.

Enterprise Oil, still labouring under the weight of last week's £690 million share placing, advanced 3p to 655p, while Lasmo continued its strong run by advancing 4p to 482p. Although Shell shed 6p to 485p, BP demonstrated slightly more resilience by shedding just 1½p to 367p.

In the leisure sector, Brent Walker suffered from confusion over its Trocadero development in Piccadilly Circus. The shares started the week encouraged by weekend press reports that the huge mixed-use complex was for sale at between £300 million and £350 million.

The excitement mounted yesterday morning on reports that the building was actually sold.

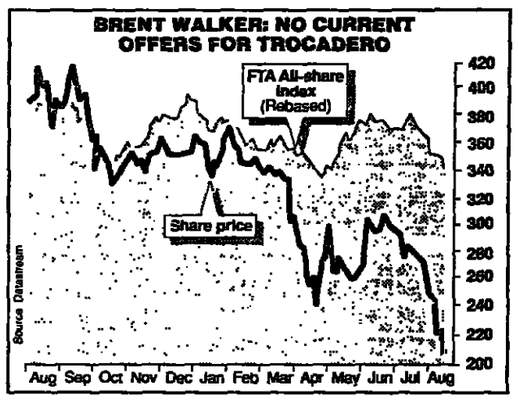
However, this was denied by George Walker, the Brent Walker chairman, who, as a result, had to watch his shares slide by 23p to 202p. The position appears to be that Brent Walker's 50 per cent stake in the Trocadero development is for sale, as it has been for some time, but only if someone offers Mr Walker £150 million to £175 million.

The remaining 50 per cent of the Troc is owned by the Power Corporation, which says it has no plans to sell its holding in the short term. A £270 million facility arranged with the Sanwa Bank of Japan last year apparently allows the joint company, Walker Power, to hold the investment comfortably and many of the improvements and additions to the complex are yet to be completed. Power Corporation dropped 3p to 125p.

Unconfirmed reports of disposals did nothing for Rosehaugh, which despite the suggestions that part of its jointly-owned Broadgate development would shortly be sold, dropped 5p to 110p. Stanhope Properties, which owns the remaining 50 per cent of Broadgate, dropped 6p to 114p in the USM.

Sheraton Securities' second day of trading after its four-month suspension proved almost as hard going as its first. The shares closed down ¾p at 4¼p, compared with the 10p rights issue price.

Matthew Bond



Having jumped 25p on Monday, Priest Marians, the down-but-not-out property group, added another 12p to 67p. The latest theory is that JMB Realty and Grovewood Securities, the two largest shareholders, will shortly subscribe to and underwrite a share issue to raise between £20 million and £30 million. A new asset value is also expected.

MAJOR CHANGES

FALLS:

P&O	536½p (-26p)
Reuters	759p (-79p)
Rank Org	616p (-32p)
Wellcome	455p (-40p)
Guinness	649½p (-28p)
Laporte	463p (-22p)
De La Rue	256½p (-22p)
Euro Disney	850p (-28p)
Brent Walker	202p (-23p)
Glaxo	700p (-20p)
ECC Group	330p (-22p)
Whatman	330p (-30p)
Hawker Siddeley	464p (-20p)
M&G	368½p (-20p)
Davies & Newman	355p (-35p)
Redland	512½p (-21p)
Eurotunnel Units	435p (-25p)

RISES:

Derwent Holdings	700p (+10p)
Priest Marians	66½p (+12p)

Closing prices

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German IT	72 -5
Golden Vale	48 +2
Henderson Highland (100p)	89½ -1½
Invergordon	128 -7
Leading Ls New	9
Levercrest	108
MMI	22
M & W Plc	78
Malaysia Capital	£7 1/16 -3/16
Midland Radio	110 +3
Nthn Investors	196 -2
Paramount	13½
Pmanoraff	116
Proteus Intl	108
QS Hldgs (100p)	125 -2
Seton Healthcare	146 -5
Siam Select (100p)	98
Utd Energy	1¾
Utd Uniform	114 -1
Venturi Inv Tst	10
Wig Tpe App	169 -9

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Kemp PE N/P	1
P&P N/P	6
Filofax N/P	¾
Pentos N/P	5 -2
Renlax N/P	3
Utd Energy N/P	¼

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2609.16 (-47.28)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	26297.84 (-192.63)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3040.00 (-12.84)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	99.0 (-3.3)
Sydney: AO	1552.9 (+14.4)
Frankfurt: DAX	1549.96 (-85.73)
Brussels:	
General	6351.14 (-143.80)
Paris: CAC	441.89 (-8.36)
Zurich: SKA Gen	547.7 (-20.9)
London:	
FT – A All-Share	1030.87 (-24.38)
FT – "500"	1135.94 (-27.52)
FT Gold Mines	235.70 (+2.40)
FT Fixed Interest	86.90 (-0.48)
FT Govt Secs	77.11 (-0.26)
Bargains	22381
SEAQ Volume	412.4m
USM (Datastream)	125.90 (-1.97)

*Denotes latest trading price

WALL STREET

New York

BLUE chips edged lower again after recovering more than half of a 3 per cent loss at midday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 31.9 points at 2,624.5 in early-afternoon trading after falling by more than 75 points earlier in the day, triggering New York Stock Exchange circuit breakers.

While Iraq's offer to talk to Washington about the Middle East troubles gave shares a brief boost, overall sentiment remained extremely bearish.

James Kalil, the president of Compu-Val Investments, said: "Everybody thinks that this uncertainty is leading to war. People are nervous."

Falling shares outnumbered rises by about six to one on a volume of more than 140 million shares.

(Reuter)

	Aug 21 midday	Aug 20 close
Abbott Lab	38¾	39¼
Aetna Life	45¾	46¼
Ahmanson	16¾	17
Air Prods	46¾	47¼
Albertsons	32¾	33¼
Alcan Al	21¼	21¾
Alco Stand	30¾	31¼
Allied Signal	30¾	31
Allustn CA	62¼	62¾
Am Brands	66¼	66¾
Am Cyanmid	52¼	52
Am EPC	27¾	28¼
Am General	41¾	42¼
Am Home	46¼	46¾
Am Intl	65¾	66¼
Am Medical	n/a	n/a
Am Stores	60¾	61¼
Amax	24¾	25¼
Amer Hess	52¼	54¼
Amerisch	56¼	58¼
Amax	24¼	24¾
Amoco	57¾	58
AMP	40¼	40¾
AMR	46¾	47¼
Anheuser-B	38¾	38¾
Apple Comp	36	36¼
Archer-Dan	21¼	22
Arda	20¼	20¾
Armstrong	30	30¼
Asarco	27¼	27¾
Ashland Oil	31¼	31¾
AT&T	33¼	33¾
Atlan Richfld	138	138¼
Auto DP	48¼	49¼
Avery Intl	19¾	20
Avon Prod	28¾	29¼
Baltimore	25¾	26¼
Banc One	24¾	25¼
Bankamerica	21¼	21½
Bard	13¾	14
Barnett Bk	24¼	24¾
Bausch Lmb	62¼	63¾
Baxter Intl	22¾	23¼
Bec Dickin	64¾	65
Bell Atlan	44¼	45¼
Bellsouth	52¼	53
Bir Hughes	32¾	51½
Black Decker	12¾	13
Boeing	38	38¾
Brstn Tst NY	35¾	35¾
Boeing	48¼	48¾
Boise Casc	29¾	31¼
Borden	32¼	32¾
Brst-Myer	59¼	60
Browng-Fer	36¾	37¼
Burl Nth	28¾	29¼
CAI	7	7
Campbell Sp	50¾	51¼
Cap Cities	500	506
Capital HC	43¾	43¾
Carolina	41¼	42¼
Caterpillar	43¾	45¼
CBS	171½	175¼
Central SW	38¾	39
Champion	26¾	26¾
Chase Man	17¾	18
Chem Bnkg	22¼	22¾
Chevron	79¾	80
Chrysler	12¼	12¼
Chubb	41½	42
Cigna	43¼	43¾
Citicorp	18¾	18¾
Clorox	23	24½
Clrwtr Eds	28¼	28¾
CNA Fncl	69	71
Coastal	35	35
Coca-Cola	41¼	42¼
Colgate-Pal	64¼	66¼
Columb Gas	46¾	46¾
Compaq	46¾	47¼
Conagra	32¼	32¾
Cons Edis	21	21¼
Cons NG	46¼	46¾
Cons Rail	50¼	49¾
Cooper Ind	40¾	41¼
Corning	38¾	39¼
CPC Intl	75¾	76¼
Crown Cork	57¼	57¾
CSX	30¼	30¾
Dana	31¼	32¼
Dayton-Hud	56¾	56¼
Deere	53	55¾
Delta Air	55¾	56¼
Deluxe	29¾	30¼
Detroit Ed	28¼	28¾
Digital Eq	65¼	66¾
Dillard	81¼	81¼
Disney	100¾	102
Dominion	44¾	44¾
Donnelley	39¾	40¼
Dover	33¾	34
Dow Chem	43¼	43¼
Dow Jones	19¾	19¾
Dresser Ind	50¼	51¼
Du Pont	37¼	37¾
Duke Pwr	57¾	57¾
Dun Bradst	41	42¼
East Kodak	40¾	41
Eaton	50¾	51¼
Emerson El	53¾	53¾
Entron	54¾	54¾
Entergy	19¼	19¾
Ethyl	29¼	29¾
Exxon	52¾	52¾
Fed NMA	29¼	29¾
Fedd Expra	34¼	35
Fst Nortar	15¾	15¾
Fluor	35¾	35¾
Ford Motor	35¾	36
FPL	29¾	29¾
Fst Chicago	21¾	22¼
Fst Intrst	28¾	28¾
Fst Union	18¼	18¾
Gannett	31¼	32¾
Gen Cinema	18	18¾
Gen Elec	62¾	63¾
Gen Mills	61	63¼
Gen Motors	37¼	37¼
Gen Rei	73	74
Gen Signal	47¾	48¼
Genesmch	28¼	27¼
Genuine Pts	34¾	35
Georgia-Pac	41¾	41¾
Gillette	57	58¾
Goodrich	37	37¼
Goodyear	23¾	23¾
Grace	24¼	24¾
Greyhound	27¾	28¼
Gt Atlntc	52	52¼
Gt Nor Nek	n/a	n/a
Gt Western	14	14½
GTE	n/a	n/a
Halliburtn	55¾	56¾
Heinz	32¾	33¼
Hercules	31¼	32¼
Hershey Fd	34¾	35
Hewlett Pkd	33¾	34¼
Hilton Hld	35¾	36¾
Home Depot	31½	32
Homestake	22¼	22¾
Honeywell	93¾	95
Houston Ind	32¾	33
Howlett Intl	31¼	33¼
Humana	45¾	46
IBM	101¾	102¼
IF&F	65¼	67¼
Illnois TW	42¾	44¼
Inco	28¾	29¼
Ingsol-Rand	43¼	44¼
Inland Steel	27¾	27¾
Intel	32¼	33¼
Int Paper	47¼	48¼
ITT	52¾	53¾
James River	23	23¼
Jonnson Jhsn	64¾	65
K Mart	27	27¼
Kellogg	63¼	63¾
Kerr-McGee	49¼	50
Kimbly-Clrk	73	75¼
Kngts-Rddr	42	42¼
Lilly	71¼	72¼
Limited	17	17¼
Ln Brdcstg	57¾	58¼
Lincln Nat	46¾	47¾
Litton Ind	73¼	73
Lockheed	38¾	39¾
Louis-Pac	30¾	31¼
Manu Hano	27¾	28¾
Marriott	18¼	18¾
Marsh McLen	67¾	68¾
Martin Mar	35	35¼
Masco	20¼	20¾
May Dept	45¾	46¾
Mayag	14¾	14¾
MCA	42¾	42¼
McDnl Dougl	44	44¼
McDonalds	27¾	28¼
McGraw-Hill	47¾	48
MCI Com	33¾	34¼
Mead	25¾	26
Medtronic	76¾	78¼
Melville	44¾	45¼
Merck	92	92¾
Merill Lynch	20¾	21¼
MM&M	61¾	61¼
Mobil	66¼	67
Monsanto	42¾	43
Moore	24¾	25¼
Morgan	32¾	33¼
Motorola	66¾	66¾
Nat Medical	34¾	36¾
Nat Service	25¾	26¼
Navistar	2¾	2¾
NCNB	33¾	34¼
NCR	60¾	61¼
NED Bncp	39¾	39¾
Newmont Min	53	53¼
Nigr Mhwk	13¼	13¾
Nike	69¾	70¼
NL Indstrs	10¾	11¼
Nordstrom	23¾	25¼
Norflk Sthn	38¾	39¾
Norton	90	90
Norwest	17¾	18¼
Nthn St Pwr	31	31¾
Nthn Telcm	25¾	25¾
NY Times	18¼	19
Nynex	72¾	73¼
Ocdl Petrl	24¼	24¾
Ohio Ed	16¾	17
Oracle Sys	12¾	13¾
Orpx Energy	52¾	52¾
Pac Ent	38¾	38¾
Pac Gas Elec	21¼	22
Pac Telesis	38¾	41
Paccar	32¼	33¼
Pacificorp	19¼	19¾
Pall	27¾	28¼
Paramount	34¼	35¾
Parker-Hanfn	22	23¼
Penney	46¼	46¼
Pennzoil	60¼	62¼
Pepsico	71¼	72¼
Pfizer	68¼	69¾
Phelps Pd	29¾	29¼
Philips Elec	15¾	15¾
Phlp Morris	44¼	45¾
Phlps Dodge	58¼	59¾
Pitney Bow	38¼	39¼
Plcr Dome	19	19¾
PNC Fncl	24¼	24¾
Procter Gmble	76¾	78¼
Price	31¼	32¼
Primerica	29¾	29¾
Pub Service	24	24¼
Quaker Oats	44¾	45¾
Ralston Pur	92¾	94¼
Raychem	29	29¼
Raytheon	60¼	61¼
Reebok	13	13¼
Rockwell	21¼	22¾
Rohm Haas	30¾	31¼
Royal Dutch	83¾	84¼
Rubbermaid	36¾	36¾
Ryntds Mtl	62¾	62¾
Safeco	30¾	30¾
Salomon	22¼	22¼
Sant Fe Pac	17¾	17¾
Sara Lee	25¾	26¼
Schlmbrg	38¾	38¼
Schwabdisc	64¾	65¼
Schrg-Plgh	44¼	44¼
Scott Papr	46¾	47
Seagram	76¾	76¾
Sears Rbk	28¾	29¼
Security Pac	27¾	28
Shwmn-Wmsm	32¾	33¾
Snap-on Tls	32	32¼
Southern	23¾	23¾
Sowen	24¾	25¼
St Paul	53¾	55¼
Stanley Wk	30¾	31¼
Stone Cntr	13¾	13¾
Sun Co	35¼	35¾
Sunst Bk	20	20¼
Super Valu	24¾	24¾
SW Bell	51¼	51¾
Syntex	64¾	65¾
Sysco	30¾	31¼
Tandem	14¾	14¾
Tandy	29¼	30¼
Tele-comm	11¼	11¾
Telphyne	18¾	18¾
Temple-In	30¾	32
Tenneco	52¾	53¾
Texaco	64¾	65¾
Texas Inst	27¾	27¾
Texas Util	34	34¼
Textron	21¼	21¾
Time Wrnr	79¾	80¾
Times Mirr	25¾	26¼
Timken	38¾	38¾
Torchmark	46¾	46¾
Toys R Us	25¾	26¼
Transam	34¼	34¾
Travelers	34¾	35¾
Tribune	37¼	37¾
TRW	38¾	38¾
Tyco Lab	53¼	55
UAL	102¾	104¼
Un Camp	33¾	33¾
Un Carbide	16	16
Un Pacific	72	73¾
Unilever	81	82¾
Unisys	8¼	9
Unocal	33¾	34
Upjohn	38¾	38¾
US West	34¼	35¼
Utah Gp	17¾	17¾
USF&G	20¾	21¼
UST	29¾	30
USX	32¾	33¾
Utd Tech	45¼	45¾
Utd Telcm	25¾	25¾
VF	21¼	21¾
Wal-Mart	27¾	28¼
Walgreen	46¾	46¾
Waste Mgmt	36¼	37¼
Wells Fargo	56¼	57¼
Westg Elec	31	31¾
Weyerhsr	20¾	21¼
Whirlpool	23¼	23¾
Wilamett	21	21¼
Wms-Dials	72¾	73¾
Woolworth	26¾	26¾
Wrigley	50	50
Wyse-Lmbr	61¼	65
Xerox	40¾	41¾

COMMENT

OECD leaves Mr Major's larder bare

Watch our lips, no more tax cuts, is the clear, if inevitably coded message, from the OECD in Paris to John Major in Downing Street. The message is not entirely new. In previous reviews on the British economy, the OECD has come out as a critic of the 1987 tax cuts for fuelling domestic demand and thereby inflation. But the advice will be treated carefully, since the review is a friendly exercise closely involving the Treasury and the Bank of England's own analyses of the economy.

The warning is also timely. As a discipline to change inflationary expectations, the OECD backs swift entry into the exchange-rate mechanism of the EMS even before the crucial condition of bringing UK inflation nearer to continental levels has been met.

Once that happens, fiscal policy will have to resume a stronger role in economic management since the authorities' ability to manipulate interest rates to control the economy may sometimes conflict with the obligation to keep sterling stable against the mark. The public sector debt repayment, an apparently stable anchor of the medium-term financial strategy, has been allowed to fade away as an instrument of policy in recent years. The target surplus has tended to be set at whatever level was actually achieved in the previous year, regardless of the target for that year. This year's target is therefore £3 billion lower than envisaged in the MTFS a year earlier.

The surplus is also fading away in a literal sense far more rapidly than envisaged. Discounting £5 billion of privatisation proceeds, the 1990-91 target is only £2 billion and, allowing for local authority asset sales, may not be a surplus at all. There is also some doubt about whether the target will be met, partly due to tax revenue becoming less buoyant and partly because of confusion over local authority spending with the advent of the poll tax. Next year that confusion may continue unless Chris Patten devises a foolproof support scheme. Pressures to raise public spending are also unlikely to go away.

If the fight against ingrained inflation through the annual pay round is a long-term haul, the leitmotiv of the review, then fiscal policy will need to be active and much tougher than the chancellor assumed in his 1990 Budget.

Since then, fears of inflation have risen and fears of recession have been brushed aside, despite carnage in the high street and the property market and increasingly anxious warnings from the CBI.

Few domestic commentators would dismiss a decade of progress through the MTFS quite as cavalierly as the OECD appears to do, despite the catalogue of missed forecasts and falling credibility. There is little dispute, however, that entry into the ERM will represent a new beginning as well as a new anchor for policy.

Policy will need to be as severe in the early nineties as in the early eighties. But this time, there may be no tax cuts to sugar the pill.

This leaves the government highly dependent on delivering some deceptively good RPI figures and an interest rate cut next year to offer the electorate. There may be precious little else.

Polly Peck

The Stock Exchange committee on quotations interviewed its star witness yesterday in the investigation into Asil Nadir's curious bid approach for Polly Peck. The witness of course was Mr Nadir who must explain why he took his toe out of the water less than one week after inserting it thereby wreaking havoc on Polly Peck's share price. It plunged more than £1 or 25 per cent in one hour.

It will take the committee another day to decide what to do about it, but there appears to be nothing of substance which can be done.

Three options present themselves: delisting which would penalise innocent shareholders, suspension of share trading which is not much better or a public wigging for Mr Nadir.

The third looks by far the most likely, but it is a limp and inadequate response in view of the financial damage suffered by long term shareholders, let alone the unfortunates who purchased in good faith just before Polly Peck shares nosedived.

It looks increasing as though Mr Nadir made an unduly hasty and ill-considered decision to announce his bid plan.

Had he consulted advisers first, he would at least have had the benefit of an independent view of his chances of success. It may well be that he would have decided against on the grounds that a value far higher than the then market price was needed to assure victory. As the biggest institutional shareholder, Friends Provident said on Friday that nothing had happened to change the company's outlook or performance but a disenchanted stock market reacted by caning Mr Nadir for leading it down the garden path.

Mr Nadir said he wanted to buy the 74 per cent of the company he did not already own because the market consistently undervalued the group.

If he is serious about repairing the damage to his reputation and that of his company, Mr Nadir might consider some form of compensation, at the very least a partial tender offer at the highest price reached before the ill-starred bid plan was dropped.

Why Britain needs saving from perils of hot money

BRITAIN'S huge trade gap may not worry the government, which sees it as a symptom rather than a problem in its own right. But it does worry the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. In a rebuke redolent of a sympathetic headmaster, it has dismissed the excuse that the imbalance is down to private-sector choices.

Instead, it has devoted a special study to the implications of the imbalance in its annual report on Britain. In it, the OECD delivers a warning that looks even more ominous if the pound is fixed against continental currencies.

"A country which is in persistent current account deficit may become increasingly vulnerable to large shifts of speculative international capital, putting at risk ... financial stability".

The problem goes much further than the trade gap announced in the monthly figures. There is also an underlying outflow of long-term capital, which ran at 5.5 per cent of Britain's gross domestic product last year.

To finance last year's deficit, Britain needed to attract about £50 billion in short-term hot money, 2.6 times the nominal trade deficit. The OECD says that the need to attract hot money is now the dominant feature of the balance of payments.

This leaves sterling far more vulnerable than the mark and other EMS currencies to the sentiments of the bankers and dealers who place capital where it might be expected to earn the highest short-term return.

The trade gap arose from the ups and downs of North Sea oil. In the early Eighties slump, the high pound prompted by oil and interest rates made Britain's industrial production chronically uncompetitive. When the oil surplus shrank, industrial output failed to adjust, despite periods of sterling weakness. The biggest gaps opened up in capital goods and components, where exports fell and imports replaced home output. Oddly, considering the vital decision that now looms on the rate at which sterling will be fixed against the mark, the OECD scarcely considers the role of the exchange rate in this adjustment.

Instead, it follows the analysis favoured by the government in attributing a long-term trade gap to the underlying gap between domestic savings and investment. But this explanation is just as alarming.

Capital investment has recovered, but only to the average rates of the pre-North Sea period. Savings have tumbled, as they have in other advanced countries, but from a lower base. This has left a large gap, scarcely dented by a recent recovery of savings and a downturn in industrial investment.

The problem lies in the savings ratio in Britain, which along with that in America, lies at the bottom of the industrial country league. Its investment rate is nearer average.

The culprits are familiar: easier credit, easier mortgages and rising house prices have raised people's capacity to borrow. As the Bank of England has pointed out, companies have also paid higher dividends and cut retentions in the face of a debt-financed takeover boom.

Pricking the house price bubble will help curb personal borrowing, which has reached unprecedented heights. Incentives to save will also help. But the OECD blames the government for fuelling the house-price boom and allowing cheap mortgage credit to be raised on houses without a change of ownership.

The decline of forced saving through the public sector is a more immediate target for criticism. The public sector debt repayment is tumbling faster than expected. On the OECD's estimates, the public sector is now running a deficit again, net of privatisation proceeds and sales of council assets. To make matters worse, it says the government is not investing enough in transport.

The drain of long-term capital abroad seems equally intractable. Last year there was a huge net outflow, for instance, even though direct foreign investment in British business moved ahead of British investment abroad as more non-EC companies chose Britain as their base for entry into the single market.

Portfolio investment abroad by institutions, spurred first by the removal of controls and then by the dearth of domestic gilt-edged stock, remains strong. Only a swing away from collective to individual investment will reverse this trend, since private investors favour safety at home.

The good news is that the savings-investment, import-export and long-term investment gaps show signs of narrowing. The bad news is that this will take time. Meanwhile, the need to attract hot money seems certain to keep interest rates high whatever the needs of the domestic economy. Fixing the pound within an ERM band has been seen as a recipe for cutting interest rates because the risk premium on sterling will shrink. On this analysis, the opposite is just as likely.

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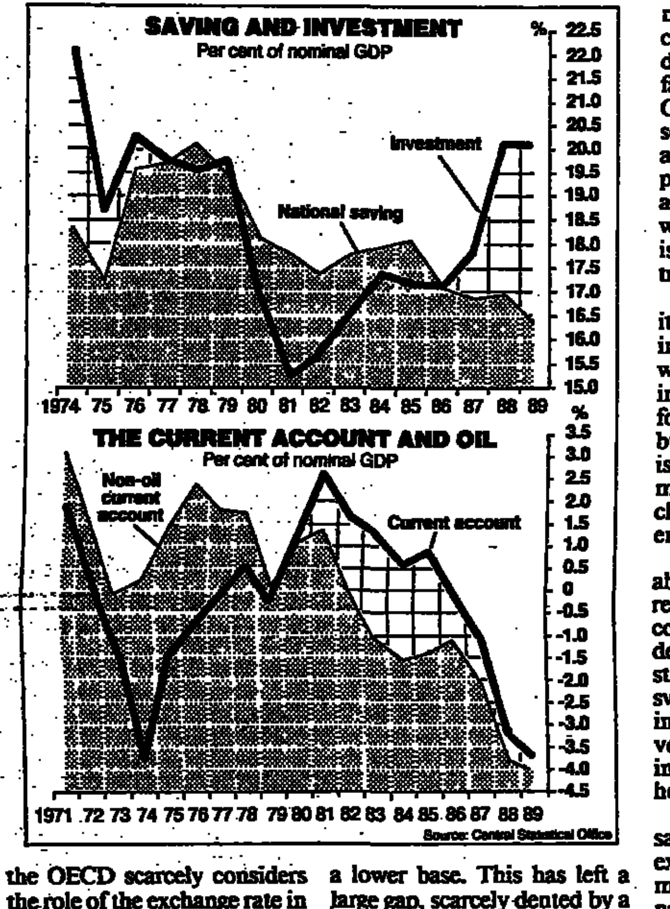
SAVING AND INVESTMENT
Per cent of nominal GDP

THE CURRENT ACCOUNT AND OIL
Per cent of nominal GDP

Source: Central Statistical Office

TEMPUS

Perfect timing at Willis Faber

WILLIS Faber's figures were perfect for a company trying to convince its shareholders to agree to a £1.1 billion international merger. With pre-tax profits up 33 per cent to £57.7 million in the six months to end-June, the insurance broking group could at last show it had succeeded in laying the ghost of its problematic merger with Stewart Wrightson in 1987.

Lawyers and accountants from both sides of the Atlantic have perused the group's books all summer and removed whatever leeway it may normally have, but the results were still aided by some exceptional events, currency movements adding £4 million of the £14.2 million additional profits, and interest from the sale of the Morgan Grenfell stake last autumn adding a net £4 million.

The underlying business showed a sound advance. Broking revenues grew 19 per cent to £166 million, despite insurance premiums' refusal to harden. The group did particularly well out of reinstatement broking, making out new policies where old ones had been drained, after the winter storms.

Willis's shares have lost almost a quarter of their value since the merger with Corroon & Black was made public in June, and closed another 2p lighter at 222p. The market does not like the thought of another big insurance broking merger, particularly after the hash Willis made of the last one.

Willis argues Corroon will make the perfect fit, but the severance of its century-old relationship in America with Johnson & Higgins is a high price to pay. The shares are now on a p/e ratio of 12 on forecast profits of £82.5 million, including a three-month contribution from Corroon if the merger is cleared. The yield is almost 8 per cent on a 13.2p dividend. But cautious investors should still steer clear given the uncertainties of the group's undertaking.

CEI

THE defence side of Cambridge Electronic Industries is already reporting increased demand for its products due to events in the Middle East.

Armies and civilians are now fully alert to the dangers of chemical agents, and CEI has, in the past two weeks alone, seen a stronger order enquiry for its chemical agent monitors, underwater sonar equipment and explosive detectors.

After CEI's profit slip last year from £15 million to £11.1 million, the prospect of more defence work comes at an opportune moment. Half-year pre-tax profits were £5.33 million against £6.33 million, earned on a turnover of £76.8 million. Of that, defence made up £9.9 million of turnover and £1 million of profit.

Medical electronics interests contributed profits of £1.48 million and achieved a margin of 20 per cent. Now that low-margin businesses have been sold, CEI is set to raise overall margins to 15 per cent within two years.

A busier defence division should offset weaknesses from American and British economy-related interests, but life it still tough out there and businesses which have been sold generated £2.3 million profit in the first half.

CEI is out to reduce the British element of profits from 54 per cent to 30 per cent. Meanwhile, gearing of 65 per cent at last balance sheet date eases to 15 per cent as cash comes in from disposals.

CEI should just top last year's pre-tax profits and turn in £11.1 million plus, to put the shares at 159p on a prospective rating of 9.4. Hold.

Hickson

A 10 per cent decline in pretax profits at Hickson International, the chemicals group, suprised few in a shell-shocked sector. Profits downgradings for the company have long been pencilled in, so the £18.3 million reported for the first six months of the year was in line with market expectations.

That is not to say the market liked what it saw, though a 10 per cent growth in chemicals sales provided some encouragement. Hickson's biggest headaches come from its merchant distributors subsidiary, a mainly UK business that saw profits collapse from £3.13 million last year to a paltry £695,000.

The ceilings and partitions business, Komfort, is already up for sale, though a £3 million extraordinary provision for "a possible loss on disposals" illustrates what Hickson and the market think the business is currently worth.

Nevertheless, Hickson is earmarking £30 million of capital expenditure on its chemicals businesses for the year, to be financed out of cash flow. It is also paying out a higher than expected 2.85p dividend, a 9 per cent increase on last year. Interest cover of six times, and largely dollar and lira denominated borrowings, mean the balance sheet should present no problems for the medium term.

With full-year forecasts of about £35 million putting the shares on a prospective p/e of about 6.5, the shares have a limited downside. But only longer-term investors should take a second look.

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Wise move for Dickinson

CLEARLY far from happy with his reduced waistline — brought about by the near-mile walk from Bank station to Laing & Cruickshank's new Broadgate offices — retail analyst John Dickinson has resigned, in search of an improved quality of life. To that end he is joining Wise Speke, a Newcastle broker, since he owns a large country mansion nearby. "It will certainly improve his quality of life by cutting out the weekly slog to his favourite Durham grouse moors, not to mention the daily slog up and down the Northern Line," says his good-natured boss at L&C, Russell Leiman, chief executive of institutional equities. His departure leaves athletic Tony Shiret — a dab hand at 400 metres hurdles — and Brian Rayner, ex-Lehman Brothers, holding the retail fort on their own until a replacement is found. Meanwhile, not to be outdone, the London office of Wise Speke has enticed Robert Bruce, a former main board director of CCF Laurence Prust, to join as institutional sales director. Although Bruce will be based in the City, he will have responsibility for all three sales teams in London, Newcastle and Manchester. "Wise Speke is one of the best names in the Northeast, and one of the biggest brokers outside London," says Bruce, who started this week. "But watch this space, we have lots of plans."

LUNCHTIME conversation overheard between two bankers in the City: "Having spent the last four months financing exports to Iraq and placing the risk with Kuwaiti banks, business is a bit slack now . . ."

Domino effect

LITTLE did Terry Wood, aged 53, a gilt-edged salesman at Sheppards, realise what he was starting when he claimed he was possibly the only grandfather still working in the gilt market. Revealing a well-hidden tender side, the macho men of the gilt market have been falling over themselves to try to find colleagues with grandchildren. First the irrepressible Barry Pearl, gilt market-making director at UBS Phillips & Drew, telephoned from his Florida holiday home to say he was a grandfather twice over. And now Michael Franzman, aged 54, a gilt salesman at SG Warburg, and one-time partner of Rowe & Pitman, has told me he also has two grandchildren. "But until Terry Wood started all this, I have to admit I thought I was the only one," says Franzman. Helping to destroy, between them, the popular image of overpaid yuppies supposedly running the City, Pearl will be further heartened to learn that, at 55, he is, at least, the oldest. Unless someone out there knows better . . .


"There's a rumour that our share price was shot down over the Gulf."

Full circle

BEESON Gregory, the smaller companies specialist founded by Andrew Beeson and John Gregory, both former partners of Capel-Cure Myers, has just recruited another ex-CCM employee — Nicola Weiner, aged 29. Weiner, a corporate financier who joins from Standard Chartered, the merchant bank now known as Chartered WestLB, was with ANZ Capel-Cure for four years. "When I was there I worked with all the founders, John Gregory, John Gordon and Bob Lederman," Weiner says. "After my probationary period here I will become an associate director."

Not so City slicker

SO MUCH for the loud-mouthed, boastful City slicker, often perceived as an obnoxious wine- or champagne-swilling lout. According to a survey of 40 City pubs asking landlords about the effect of all-day trading — introduced almost exactly two years ago — only 10 per cent reported that they heard customers boasting about their "megabucks" salaries, while over half said they were more likely to be discussing problems with staff. Beer, lager, low-alcohol and soft drinks are becoming increasingly popular at the expense of wine and champagne, and as for getting into arguments or fights, 70 per cent of landlords said their City regulars were less troublesome than other pub customers. But some things, it seems, never change. Most landlords admitted they regularly spotted Filofaxes in use, and 95 per cent complained about the omnipresent mobile telephone.

Foundations shaky

CLEARLY ahead of his time . . . the Chartered Institute of Building has received a newsletter promoting Arabbuild 90, the sixth Middle East building, interiors and maintenance show, in Bahrain in November. On the front cover is a quote from Yousef Al-Shirawi, Bahrain's minister of development and industry, which reads: "Looking to the future, say the next ten years, I am convinced that we are now seeing the re-emergence of considerable activity in the construction industry. The main thrust of this industry is going to be in the defence and industrial sectors." Julian Barlow, the institute's PR director, says: "I don't think we'll be recommending any of our members to visit this exhibition at the present time."

CAROL LEONARD

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	585.9	-2.1	-30.5	-1.7	-19.3	-1.9	-17.4
(free)	111.8	-2.1	-30.7	-1.8	-19.5	-1.9	-17.6
EAFE	1027.5	-1.8	-34.0	-1.7	-24.8	-1.7	-21.5
(free)	105.3	-1.8	-34.4	-1.8	-25.1	-1.7	-21.9
Europe	620.7	-2.9	-18.4	-2.8	-14.4	-2.8	-2.9
(free)	133.3	-3.0	-18.5	-3.1	-14.7	-2.8	-3.0
Nth America	410.9	-2.5	-23.6	-2.4	-9.2	-2.3	-9.1
Nordic	1348.5	-1.9	-13.4	-1.6	-4.9	-1.8	3.1
(free)	217.9	-1.6	-7.4	-1.3	1.4	-1.5	10.2
Pacific	2267.5	-0.9	-42.8	-0.9	-30.9	-0.8	-32.0
Far East	3253.8	-1.1	-43.8	-1.0	-31.9	-0.9	-33.1
Australia	288.1	1.6	-17.0	1.0	-4.3	1.7	-1.3
Austria	1481.9	-4.4	-0.3	-4.2	9.5	-4.3	18.6
Belgium	719.1	-2.5	-27.0	-2.5	-21.7	-2.3	-13.1
Canada	449.4	-1.4	-25.1	-1.6	-12.3	-1.3	-10.9
Denmark	1205.0	0.2	-8.5	0.8	-0.7	0.4	8.9
Finland	84.7	-1.3	-26.6	-0.9	-20.2	-1.2	-12.6
(free)	114.2	-2.3	-23.4	-1.9	-16.8	-2.2	-8.9
France	572.7	-4.5	-29.2	-4.4	-23.5	-4.4	-15.7
Germany	734.4	-5.4	-20.0	-5.2	-12.1	-5.2	-4.8
Hong Kong	1982.8	-0.8	-10.6	-0.6	6.0	-0.7	6.3
Italy	287.7	-1.6	-25.4	-1.1	-18.9	-1.5	-11.2
Japan	3411.7	-1.1	-44.7	-0.9	-32.9	-0.9	-34.2
Netherlands	768.7	-1.8	-18.7	-1.7	-10.9	-1.6	-3.3
New Zealand	78.3	0.6	-24.1	0.3	-13.6	0.7	-9.7
Norway	1413.5	-3.2	5.3	-3.0	15.0	-3.1	25.3
(free)	255.1	-3.0	9.2	-2.8	19.2	-2.9	29.9
Sing/Malay	1562.6	-2.1	-21.7	-1.9	-12.2	-2.0	-6.8
Spain	188.4	0.6	-20.4	1.7	-16.1	0.7	-5.3
Sweden	1453.0	-2.5	-17.2	-2.2	-8.4	-2.3	-1.4
(free)	211.3	-2.5	-12.7	-2.3	-3.5	-2.4	3.9
Switzerland	768.1	-3.2	-16.0	-3.6	-16.6	-3.1	-0.1
(free)	115.0	-3.2	-17.6	-3.6	-18.2	-3.1	-2.0
UK	625.5	-2.4	-13.2	-2.4	-13.2	-2.3	3.2
USA	369.7	-2.6	-23.5	-2.4	-9.0	-2.4	-9.0

(lc)* *Local currency.* *Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.*

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	164	Cookson	1,633	Lonrho	2,677	Shell	4,939
Abbey Nat	2,415	Courtaulds	1,148	Lucas	6,049	Siebe	255
Alld-Lyons	1,321	Dalgety	314	Manpower	131	Slough	550
Amstrad	1,135	Dixons	668	M&S	4,803	Smith & N	6,029
Anglian	741	ECC	657	Maxwell Cm	3,715	SK Beech	3,418
Argos	1,146	Enterprise	2,885	MB Group	966	Do Uts	65
ASDA	9,492	Ferranti	65	Mecca	277	Smith WH	427
AB Foods	334	Fisons	2,254	MEPC	1,015	Smiths Ind	878
Argyll	1,340	FKI	685	Midland	2,044	STC	1,103
BAA	1,068	Gen Acc	502	Nat West	3,702	Stan Chart	226
BET	1,119	GEC	5,208	Next	14	Storehse	6,403
BTR	2,984	Glaxo	3,506	Nth Food	901	Sun Allnce	1,809
BAT	2,456	Globe Inv	3	P&O	1,103	Sun Life	1
Barclays	3,156	Glynwed	1,430	Pearson	222	T & N	609
Bass	520	Granada	1,074	Pilkington	1,288	TI Group	184
Beazer	233	Grand Met	2,774	Polly Peck	7,400	Tarmac	2,110
Benstd Intl	259	GUS 'A'	573	Prudential	5,722	Tate & Lyle	912
BICC	1,153	GRE	678	Racal	3,835	Taylor Wood	268
Blue Circle	993	GKN	298	Racal Tele	189	TSB	3,837
BOC	826	Guinness	2,971	Rk Hovis	57	Tesco	7,236
Boots	1,865	Hamm 'A'	80	Rank	604	Thames Wtr	1,701
BPB	1,006	Hanson	7,166	R&C	103	Thorn EMI	1,042
Br Aero	1,660	Do Wts	1,314	Redland	1,263	Trafalgar	798
Br Airways	4,351	H & C	1,314	Reed	414	THF	5,632
Br Gas	3,432	Hawker	671	Reuters	3,109	Ultramar	1,077
Br Land	15	Hillsdown	1,604	RMC Gp	815	Unigate	619
Br Petrol	10,201	IMI	340	RTZ	924	Unilever	1,478
Br Steel	7,376	ICI	2,498	R-Royce	5,437	Unitd Bis	1,858
Br Telecm	9,226	Inchcape	112	Rothmn 'B'	350	Unitd News	185
Bunzl	113	Kingfisher	2,174	Royal Bank	1,356	Wellcome	1,171
Burmah	57	Lasmo	2,244	Royal Ins	638	[illegible]	267
Burton	2,312	Ladbroke	2,417	Saatchi	1,055	Wessex	3,113
C&W	3,007	Land Sec	1,820	Sainsbury	1,422	Whitbrd	2,506
Cadbury	793	Laporte	70	Scot & N	1,488	Wigg Teape	1,322
Calor	37	L&G	1,821	Sears	1,916	Williams	196
Carlton	2,040	Lloyds	1,251	Sedgwick	582	Wills Fab	2,066
Coats	1,151	Lloyds Abb	1,706	Severn Trnt	1,800	Wimpey G	156
CU	995						

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings August 13 **Last Dealings** August 26 **Last Declaration** November 15 **For Settlement** November 26

Call options were taken out on: 21/8/90 Avira Pet, Far East Resources, FNFC, Tuskar Resources.

Puts: Nonix, Speyhawk.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	420	43	58	–	7	14	–
(*447)	460	18	35	50	23	30	32
	500	6	18	30	53	55	58
ASDA	100	16	21	–	2½	5	–
(*109)	110	9	15	–	6	8½	–
	120	5	11	–	13	15	–
Bass	960	90	115	–	10	22	–
(*1016)	1000	52	80	–	22	40	–
	1050	30	57	77	45	60	72
Boots	280	15	24	34	11	15	16
(*280)	300	7	15	24	22	26	28
	330	3	8	14	50	50	52
Brit Air	160	6	14	20	12	14	17
(*158)	180	3	6	11	26	27	28
	200	1½	3	6	45	48	48
BP	330	45	54	62	3	6½	8
(*365)	360	22	33	44	10½	14	19
	390	8½	19	27	28	31	33
Brit Steel	120	8½	12	16	3	5½	5½
(*124)	130	3	6½	10	8	10	10½
	140	1¼	3½	7½	16½	17	17
C & W	460	20	38	52	24	32	35
(*444)	500	8	22	33	55	58	60
	550	2½	9	18	105	105	105
Com Union	420	47	62	–	4	6	–
(*458)	460	19	36	46	14	18	26
	500	5	20	26	44	45	46
Courtauld	280	16	27	–	11	14	–
(*282)	297	8	–	–	19	–	–
	327	3	–	–	47	–	–
GKN	330	16	29	37	15	19	25
(*322)	360	5½	18	22	34	38	40
	390	2	8	13	67	67	70
Grand Met	550	37	60	73	17	23	30
(*550)	600	15	37	48	43	48	50
	650	8	19	28	92	92	93
ICI	900	47	87	100	23	35	45
(*900)	950	24	57	72	49	57	70
	1000	13	37	54	87	90	97
Kingfisher	300	27	41	–	6	11	–
(*319)	330	10	21	35	19	24	27
	360	4	12	22	45	45	47
Ladbroke	260	24	32	–	11	15	–
(*264)	280	14	24	32	22	26	26
	300	8	16	26	37	39	38
Land Sec	460	37	53	–	6½	12	–
(*479)	500	15	30	45	25	30	30
	550	4	14	24	70	70	70
M & S	200	25	33	–	3½	6½	–
(*217)	220	11	19	27	10	13	14
	240	4½	10	17	23	24	25
STC	220	25	–	–	5	–	–
(*234)	240	13	25	29	14	16	21
	260	5½	15½	20	27	28	33
Sainsbury	260	33	43	–	2½	5½	–
(*282)	280	18	29	38	7	11	12
	300	8	18	27	18	21	22
Shell	420	80	92	95	3	5	8
(*485)	460	40	59	67	9	12	18
	500	15	35	44	26	32	35
Smid Beech	500	40	60	75	10	18	20
(*505)	550	15	33	46	32	39	42
	600	4	15	27	82	82	82
Storehse	120	14	18	22	5¼	9	10
(*118)	130	8	12	17	9	12	13
	140	5	8	12	16	19	19
Trafalgar	260	8	13	18	24	35	36
(*238)	280	3½	6	12	43	50	52
	300	2	3½	7	63	67	70
Ultramar	300	68	80	87	3	6	9
(*353)	330	43	57	65	7	11	16
	360	25	36	47	18	21	26
Unilever	600	46¼	65½	–	14	18¾	–
(*623)	650	18½	39	52¼	35½	40	43¼
	700	5¾	17½	31	77¼	78¾	79¼
	750	2	7¾	17¼	25¾	28¾	28¾
Utd Bisc	300	30	43	–	5	9	–
(*318)	330	11	23	30	19	23	25
	360	3½	11	17	42	43	45
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	390	30	43	60	17	20	20
(*394)	420	17	27	42	32	35	35
	460	8	15	24	65	68	65
BAT Ind	500	53	75	–	12	18	–
(*531)	550	30	42	65	32	40	45
	578	18	–	–	60	–	–
	637	6	–	–	110	–	–
BTR	360	13	25	32	28	28	30
(*343)	390	6	13	21	50	50	51
	420	3	8	14	80	78	80
Brit Aero	500	49	72	80	15	22	28
(*524)	550	24	43	54	38	43	50
	600	9	24	35	80	82	84
Brit Tele	280	22	30	40	7	11	13
(*287)	300	11½	19	28½	16	19½	20½
	330	3½	8	–	49	43	–
Cadbury	300	27	40	45	9	13	18
(*307)	330	11	23	29	26	29	32
	360	5	14	17	53	53	54
Guinness	650	45	70	–	24	26	–
(*644)	700	22	42	58	55	55	62
	750	10	25	38	93	97	100
GEC	160	27	33	38	2½	4	5
(*178)	180	10	17	23	7	10	11¼
	200	4	8	13½	22	24	25
Hanson	200	17	19	27	6½	10	11½
(*202)	220	6½	9½	16½	16½	22	23
	240	2½	5	10	35½	36	38
LASMO	433	77	–	–	8	–	–
(*481)	460	57	77	90	14	20	27
	500	34	52	64	30	37	42
P & O	550	21	38½	50½	35	38¼	44¾
(*536)	600	6½	22	29½	74¾	76¾	78¾
	650	2¼	9½	–	21¼	22¾	–

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Pilkington	160	16	23	30	8	10	12
(*164)	180	7	13	18	18	22	25
	200	2½	7	11	38	38	38
Polly Peck	327	26	–	–	38¾	–	–
(*308)	355	18	–	–	59½	–	–
	382	9	–	–	84	–	–
Prudential	180	22	–	–	4½	–	–
(*195)	200	10	18	21	13	14	17
	220	5	9	12	27	28	29
Racal	160	14	20	27	10	11½	13
(*165)	180	5½	11	17	23	24	25
	200	2½	5½	10	43	43	43
RTZ	500	27	42	49	37	40	49
(*481)	550	9	22	29	77	77	80
	600	3	11	–	122	122	–
Scot & New	300	33	41	–	9	15	–
(*314)	330	17	27	37	25	30	33
	360	6	14	24	48	48	52
Tesco	200	22¼	28¾	35	4¾	6¾	7½
(*213)	220	10	16¾	22¾	13	14¾	15¾
	240	4¾	11	14¼	28¾	28¾	28¾
Thames Wtr	200	40	46	52	1	4	6
(*230)	210	31	38	–	2	7	–
	230	18	24	–	9	14	–
	240	12	20	25	15	19	21
Wtr Package	2250	200	260	–	60	90	–
(*£2295)	2300	170	230	–	80	100	–
	2350	140	200	–	100	120	–
	2400	120	180	–	130	140	–
	Series	Sep	Nov	Jan	Sep	Nov	Jan
Ferranti	26	2½	3½	5½	2	2½	3
(*25)	29	1	2	3	5½	6	6½
	33	½	1	2¼	9	9½	10
	Series	Sep	Nov	Feb	Sep	Nov	Feb
Lucas	130	4	7	10	11	14	16
(*121)	140	1½	4	7	20	22	24
	160	1	2½	3½	40	42	42
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Reuters	850	26	35¼	57½	103	[illegible]	108
(*753)	900	9½	22¼	41¼	43½	43¾	46½
	950	5	14½	30	91¼	91¼	91¼
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat	180	25	30	–	1	3	–
(*201)	200	9	17	23	6	9	11
	220	2	8	13	21	21	23
Amstrad	45	12½	–	–	1	–	–
(*52)	50	9	10½	–	3	4½	–
	60	2½	6	9	6½	8	9
Barclays	357	7	20	–	19	20	–
(*342)	383	2	10	–	53	53	–
	429	1	5	–	89	89	–
Blue Circ	200	6	14	22	9	16	19
(*194)	220	4	7	14	27	30	32
	240	2	4	7	47	48	50
	260	1¼	2	4	67	67	68
Brit Gas	200	25	34	38	1	3½	5
(*220)	220	9½	19	24	5	7	9
	240	2	9	13	19	19	20
Dixons	120	19	25	–	1½	4½	–
(*134)	130	11	18	22	4	7	10
	140	6	12	17	9	12	14
Glaxo	700	27	49	74	24	40	45
(*695)	750	9	29	50	62	72	75
	800	3	15	32	109	117	119
	850	2	8	20	159	164	167
Hawker	460	24	39	54	11	25	25
(*464)	500	7	22	34	37	50	42
	550	3	9	18	90	93	85
Hillsdown	240	13	23	33	6	11	12
(*242)	260	5	13	23	19	21	23
	280	2	8	14	37	38	38
Lonrho	236	20	31	–	2	7	–
(*248)	255	9	19	–	11	14	–
	273	4	13	–	26	26	–
Midland	240	9	20	27	16	17	25
(*234)	260	4	12	18	32	32	38
	280	2	7	13	52	52	55
R-Royce	180	7½	17	24	6	11	12
(*178)	200	2½	7	14	21	22	25
	220	1	3½	8	41	41	41
Sears	80	9½	13	–	2½	5	–
(*88)	90	3½	7	11	6	9	9
	100	1½	4	6	14	15	15½
THF	240	15	23	33	8	14	19
(*242)	260	5	14	22	19	27	28
	280	2½	8	16	37	39	40
Thorn EMI	650	32	57	74	11	22	25
(*668)	700	9	30	49	40	47	49
	750	3	14	29	87	87	87
TSB	120	9	14	–	4	6	–
(*121)	130	3	9	11	9½	11	12
	140	1½	5	7	20	20	20
Vaal Reefs	80	18	24	30	3	9	13
(*89¼)	90	11	19	24	6	14	18
Wellcome	460	20	40	60	18	30	37
(*455)	500	6	25	42	47	55	59
	550	2½	11	25	92	95	97

FT-SE INDEX (*2099)

	2000	2050	2100	2150	2200	2250
Calls						
Aug	137	90	45	24	12	6
Sep	170	115	86	60	42	27
Oct	192	155	118	88	65	48
Nov	215	178	146	115	80	70
Dec	228	–	158	–	100	–
Puts						
Aug	13	25	42	72	108	158
Sep	34	47	69	92	130	160
Oct	52	65	75	108	133	157
Nov	47	68	78	108	133	165
Dec	45	–	85	–	135	–

August 21, 1990 Total: 51360 Calls 18049 Puts 33311 FT-SE: Calls 5784 Puts 18971
*Underlying security price.

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Gilt/Fixed	104.6	110.9	+0.2	9.92
High Inc Equity	124.7	132.3e	-0.8	4.78
W'wide Bond	181.7	192.7e	-0.2	8.69
Amer Growth	156.0	165.7	+0.6	1.16
Asian Pacific	111.9	118.8	-2.3	0.10
Assets/Earns	146.2	156.3	-0.9	3.00
Capd Res	90.10	95.15	+0.16	7.50
Comm/Energy	82.80	88.81	-0.13	1.04
Euro Capd	84.87	90.77	-1.33	1.05
General	160.6	171.5e	-1.3	2.91
Japan	84.66	90.78	+0.07	0.00
UK Gth Inc	104.0	111.2	-1.0	2.39
Do Acc	159.2	170.2	-1.6	2.39
US Emerg Cos	45.40	48.55	-0.40	0.00
Income/Gth	273.7	292.7	-0.9	3.50
Masterfnd Acc	79.18	84.68	-0.43	2.00
Am Inc	43.02	46.01e	-0.01	5.98
Ethical	45.64	48.80	-0.31	2.13

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	25.75	26.56	-0.13	2.72
Euro	75.83	80.85	-1.21	0.00
Euro Inc	74.19	79.20e	-1.56	1.58
Exmpt	671.5	695.2e	-12.0	3.34
Extra Inc	38.12	40.89	-0.86	6.06
F/E Emerg Ec	50.34	53.91e	-0.78	0.00

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Inc	326.3	347.5	-2.4	5.21
Equity Inc	174.6	185.9e	-1.7	5.56
High Yield	186.6	198.7	-1.8	5.49
Balanced	458.0	487.7	-4.3	3.67
Am Inc	27.25	29.02e	-0.17	4.88
World Ass Val	28.20	30.05e	-0.27	1.16
Japan	124.2	131.4	+0.1	0.01
Sec of Am	217.4	231.4	-1.9	0.22

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capd	80.42	85.01e	-1.05	4.62
Euro Gth Inc	87.46	93.28e	-1.30	0.96
Extra Inc	91.23	97.57	-0.86	6.77
General	178.8	191.2	-1.8	4.45
Gt/Fxd Income	46.74	48.44e	+0.10	11.19
Inc Trust	401.2	429.1e	-3.8	6.32

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 081-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	45.49	48.45e	-0.12	1.00
Am Sm Cos	48.53	51.73	-0.10	0.80
Australia	80.56	85.17	+0.97	3.00
Convertible	40.06	44.50	-0.79	7.50
East	110.1	118.2	-2.3	2.20
Equity Inc	67.98	73.66	-1.11	5.90
Euro Gth	167.7	178.6	-4.5	2.30
Euro Smlr Cos	166.3	177.3	-4.0	0.20
Exmpt	82.56	84.79e	..	4.10
German Gth	43.06	45.87	-1.34	0.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 071-626 0566 071-620 6363

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	108.4	116.7	-3.3	2.04
Capd	426.0	454.6	-7.9	4.85
Euro Index	104.7	111.7	-3.8	1.96
Euro S S	69.65	74.33	-1.50	2.56
Far East S S	59.10	63.07	-0.75	0.88
Gold Gen S S	58.78	62.73	-0.31	4.84
Income	386.8	412.8	-5.6	5.81
Intl Sp Sits	52.74	56.28	-1.06	1.80
Jap Index	54.80	58.48	-0.53	0.00
N Amer	233.3	249.9	-6.0	2.29
Tiger Index	74.88	79.91	-1.61	2.25

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Portf	44.30	47.38	-0.08	2.00
Euro Port	62.14	66.46	-1.42	1.50
Jap Portf	40.03	42.82	-0.15	0.01
Pacific Portf	53.87	57.93	-0.67	..
Portf	53.78	57.50	-0.56	2.62
UK Inc/Gth	51.13	54.98	-0.43	..

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv	520.3	555.9c	..	4.27
Fixed Int	127.3	127.8c	..	11.35
Deposit	100.0		..	14.95

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	502.1	503.5e	..	5.50
Acc	£17.28	17.47	..	
Deposit	100.0		..	14.95

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
Locksfield House Curzon Street London W1Y 8AL Tel: 071-726 7733

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SC Spec Sits	49.01	51.87	..	7.00

CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
5, Trump Street, EC2V 8AR Tel: 071-796 3971

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth	80.27	85.35	-1.39	1.20
1992 Euro Spc	60.70	64.92e	-1.42	1.00
Intl Inc	58.98	62.57	-0.50	6.00
NAm Gth	42.09	45.02e	-0.14	1.80
Pacific Gth	71.09	76.67	-1.56	1.50
UK Gth Acc	75.78	81.05	-0.80	3.10
Do Dist	69.54	74.37	-0.74	3.10
UK Income	59.81	63.97	-0.42	6.50

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Growth	21.07	22.42	+0.04	0.41
Atlas Gth	22.64	24.21	-0.29	1.08
Dragon Gth	31.85	34.05	-0.23	1.64
Equity Hi Inc	57.72	61.08	-0.91	6.12
Do Acc	63.47	67.16	-1.00	6.12

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	87.10	92.88	-0.72	3.76
Do Acc	95.8	101.7	-0.8	3.76
UK Gth Accum	136.1	144.8	-1.0	2.47
UK High Inc	100.2	106.6	-0.8	6.62
N Amer Acc	66.44	70.68e	-0.16	1.40
Far East Acc	105.4	112.3e	-1.1	0.05
Euro Acc	110.6	117.7e	-2.3	0.61
UK Gilt/FI Inc	47.80	50.87	+0.06	7.09
Do Acc	84.77	89.79	+0.08	7.09
Intl Sp S Acc	37.58	39.98	-0.34	2.20
Emerg Opp	49.19	52.34	-0.25	1.34

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	133.4	141.9	..	2.54

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eqtble Pelican	96.81	101.9	-0.46	5.11
High Inc	99.88	105.1	-0.60	6.78
Gt/Fxd Interest	43.88	46.19e	-0.04	10.59
T Of Inv Ts	103.7	109.2e	-1.12	3.11
Spec Sits	97.94	103.0	-0.74	4.51
N Am	59.67	62.81	-0.77	1.42
Far East	159.9	168.3e	-2.35	1.54
Intl Gth	69.75	73.42	-0.98	2.70
Euro	53.33	56.14	-1.49	1.96

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	210.4	223.9	-4.1	3.78
Do Inc	164.0	174.5	-3.1	3.78
Higher Inc Acc	387.4	412.2	-8.2	5.62
Do Inc	270.1	287.4	-5.8	5.62
Gilts/Fxd Acc	115.0	121.1	-0.3	9.78
Do Inc	74.42	78.34	-0.21	9.78
N America	116.7	124.2	-1.0	0.00
Far East	183.5	195.3	-1.5	1.10
Europe	222.5	236.8	-8.9	0.00
Genl	294.5	313.3	-5.8	3.86
Br Excellence	45.28	48.17	-0.87	3.37
Br Fdmtls Inc	49.90	53.09	-0.61	7.16
Do Acc	55.54	59.09	-0.68	7.16
Global Ops	49.80	52.98	-1.08	0.00

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	72.56	77.59	-1.46	1.67
Do Inc	69.42	74.25	-1.41	1.67
High Yield Acc	33.32	35.63	-0.38	5.30
Do Inc	27.74	29.67	-0.31	5.30
Inc Gth Acc	56.42	60.34	-1.50	5.27
Do Inc	42.61	45.58	-1.13	5.27
Service Co Acc	59.39	63.52	-2.07	1.47
Do Inc	57.18	61.14	-2.00	1.47
Am Gth Acc	23.71	25.35e	+0.01	0.07
Do Inc	23.28	24.89e	..	0.07
Euro Gth Acc	28.60	30.59	-0.53	0.48
Do Inc	28.18	30.14	-0.52	0.48

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	119.1	125.9	+0.2	0.00

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above) a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
74	26	ASB Barratt	28	33	–			
113	65	ASD	78	83	–	4.5	5.8	5.7
61	21	ATA Selection	18	23	–	3.3	15.7	5.0
25¼	14	Aberdeen Pet	20	22	–			42.0
53	47	Aberdeen Stk Hse	45	50	–	2.0	4.2	8.8
215	163	Acal	210	215	–	8.2	2.9	11.7
29	14	Acorn Comp	13	16				4.0
85	60	Acsis Group	58	62●	–	1.5	2.5	11.1
120	75	Airsprung	107	117	-1	7.3	6.5	8.6
163	122	Alan Pain	120	124	-4	4.0	3.3	12.1
363	120	Albrighton	120	130	-10	9.3	7.4	6.8
118	82	Allen	90	94	-2	6.4	7.0	6.0
141	116	Allied Ins	120	127	–	5.3	4.3	12.1
126	68	Ald Leisure	97	102	-3	2.8	2.8	19.9
43	20	Amberley Gp	17	22●	–	2.0	10.0	6.1
208	163	Amer Bus Sys	186	191●	-7	3.2	1.7	8.1
40	22	Anglo Pac Res	22	25	–			
18¼	10¼	Apollo Watch Prods	12¼	14¼	+¼	0.7	5.2	7.3
380	235	App Holographics	285	295	-8			
285	210	Ashtead	205	215●	-6	5.0	2.4	7.4
422	225	Aspen Comms	220	230	-7	10.4b	4.6	7.0
430	360	Asprey	370	390		5.8	1.5	20.5
18	3	Assoc Energy	4	5¼	+¼	–	–	–
95	63	Assoc Farmers	70	75 r	–			
207	160	Assoc Nursing	183	190	–	2.7	1.4	24.3
205	46	Atlantic Sec	43	48	–			83.8
690	470	Atlas Equipment	630	650	-10	20.0	3.1	16.1
42	18	Audit General	18	20	-1	1.4	7.4	17.6
90	50	Automagic	53	58	–	8.7	15.5	23.8
48	28	BBB Design	30	35●	-3	2.8	8.5	6.1
18¼	14	BCE	16	18	–			
59	32	BLP Group	38	45	–	2.7	6.4	11.0
53	30	BTS Grp	27	32●	–	1.0	3.3	4.5
88	47	BWD	47	50●	–	5.0	10.2	7.5
188	45	Beaverco	40	50	–	2.5	5.6	
92	50	Beckenham	47	52	–	4.0	8.0	5.2
65	31	Berford (William)	35	40	–	1.3	3.4	11.2
122	102	Bensons Crisps	108	112●	–	3.0	2.7	9.4
70	62	Berry,Birch & Noble	62	72	–			19.1
258	85	Better Cons Prods	122	126 s	–	4.9	4.0	13.5
102	85	[illegible]	93	103	–	6.3	6.4	11.2
46	25	Bio Isolates	27	32	–	–	–	56.6
28	18	Bioplan	19	22	-1			
68	39	Bimec Inds	53	55	-2	1.3	2.4	16.4
66	66	Blanchards	–	–	–			
110	73	Bletchley Motors	68	78	–	10.0	13.7	4.9
155	92	Bluebird Toys	88	98	–	9.0	9.7	4.1
49	33	Border TV	32	35●	+1	2.8	8.2	14.2
12¼	625	Borland	825	850	-40			
155	124	Bowmore Intl	122	126	–	7.4	6.0	7.6
10¼	7	Brewmaker	7¼	9	–	0.3	3.5	30.4
155	108	Br Bloodstock	105	115●	–	11.7	10.8	13.6
38¼	16	Broad St	15	17●	–	1.0	8.3	5.0
225	9	Broadwell Land	17	22	+1	7.1	35.5	1.1
104	83	Brompton Hldgs	86	91	+1	2.7	3.0	18.5
7	4¼	Bula Resources	4¼	4¾	-¼			90.0
227	148	Business Tech	147	154	–	5.3	3.5	9.1
34	19	CCS Gp	17	20	-1	0.7	3.7	16.1
183	158	CML Micro	155	160	-5	3.1	2.0	10.2
40	29¼	CPU Comp	25	35	–	0.8	2.7	18.2
130	108	Cap & Regional	115	125	–	1.2	1.0	41
174	146	Camo Gp	153	160	-10	3.3	2.1	15.1
93	74	Carron Phoenix	87	92	–	1.8	2.0	75.0
51	38	Cassidy Bros	38	43●	–	1.0	2.4	

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
32	25	Global	25	28	–			
197	175	Great Southern	190	200	-2	10.7	5.5	13.3
248	183	Green (Ernest)	175	190	–	9.0	4.9	7.3
26	13	Greenwich Comms	10	15	–			
30	18	Guiderhouse	15	20	-2	0.6	4.4	60.0
228	181	Hadleigh Inds	220	225	-2	8.0	3.6	11.7
118	65	Halls Homes	83	93	–	8.0	9.1	
71	42	Hampden Homecare	38	45	–	2.8	6.7	6.1
221	151	Handley Walker	158	163	–	10.7	6.8	8.0
46	23	Harmony Leisure	25	30	–	0.2	0.7	
46	13	Hawthorn Leslie	12	14	-1	0.9	6.9	8.4
43	9	Headland Gp	8	10				
13¼	44	Heavitree	220	260	-10	4.1	1.7	26.1
12¼	205	do 'A' LV	200	230	-10	4.1	1.9	22.9
136	17	Heritage	15	18		5.2	30.6	1.5
118	101	Hewetson	103	108●	-2	6.0	5.7	8.5
45	28	Hey & Croft	27	32	+2	–	–	5.7
24	9	Hobson	10¼	12¼	–			8.2
105	88	Holders Tech	83	93●	–	8.0	9.1	15.9
60	19	Honeysuckle Gp	17	20				1.5
248	205	Hornby	234	238	-1	10.0	4.2	8.3
37	16¼	Hughes Food	16	17	-¼			4.0
141	112	Hughes (MT)	110	113	-3	4.0	3.6	19.6
182	85	Huntleigh Tech	140	150	–	2.7	1.9	30.4
117	85	INSTEM	90	100	–	3.3	3.5	7.4
95	58	Ibis Hldgs	53	63	–	5.1	8.8	5.5
50	18	Image Storage	15	20	–			
18¼	10¼	Iosco	9¼	11	-¼	–	–	–
76	60	Intercare Gp	67	72	-1			
180	115	Interlink Express	110	120	-10	11.2	9.7	5.4
8	3	Intl Media	3	4¼				
91	60	JLI Group	58	62○	-2	5.2	8.7	7.4
15	1¼	JMD Group	1	2¼				4.0
290	221	Jacques Vert	218	228●	–	13.3	6.0	7.4
39	31	Kembrey	29	33	-1	–	–	30.4
40¼	27	Kenmare Res	32	34	-1			
325	230	Kewill Systems	225	235●	-10	4.5	2.0	8.5
80	46	Klark-Teknik	43	48	–	2.2	4.8	10.3
73	48	LPA Ind	45	50	–	4.5	9.4	7.5
198	158	Lambert	175	180	–	13.3	7.5	10.4
45	3¼	Laser-Scan	37	42	–			
145	70	LBMS Plc	67	77●	–	2.8	4.0	31.3
140	73	Lincat	76	81	-1	6.5	8.2	6.3
47	5	Lincoln Hse	5	7				1.4
122	98	Lon & Clydeside	115	125	–	8.5	7.1	7.6
88	57	Lon Forfaiting	73	78	-2	8.7	12.8	
165	107	MMT Comp	103	110	–	3.5	3.1	8.5
146	121	MTL Instruments	138	143	+1	3.2	2.3	12.8
58	45	Magnetic Materials	43	48	–	4.0	8.7	11.6
41	23	March Gp	22	26	+1			
503	325	Marina Devs	378	388●	-2	16.0	4.2	16.8
43	17	Marylebone	17	20	..	4.0	21.1	3.5
18	4	Maxiprint	4	6	+1			
48	26	Mayborn	27	31	-1	5.1	17.6	
370	340	Menvier-Swain	345	355●	-3	9.1	2.6	13.0
27	9	Merchant Mont Est	7	10		1.3	14.4	
515	395	Merrydown Wine	485	505●	-3	8.3	1.9	21.1
131	111	Metal Bulletin	123	128●	–	8.4	5.7	13.0
195	171	Metsec	168	175		7.7	4.5	7.8
183	151	Microtec	180	185●	+2	5.3n	2.9	15.2
35	24	Microvitec	23	25		2.0	8.3	8.3
180	121	Midland Scot Res	148	153	-2			
44	17	Miskin Gp	15	19	-2	1.8	10.6	3.8
377	127	Moys	122	132●	-20	7.0	5.5	5.4

● Ex dividend ■ Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
53	28	Andaman Res	25	30	–	–	–	–
220	215	Cafe Ina	215	225	–	–	–	–
300	299	Chartwell	295	305	–	1.3	0.4	5.8
95	45	Chelsea Art	45	50	–	–	–	–
24	6	Chemex Intl	14	17 r	+2	–	–	–
215	215	Citywood Storage	210	220	–	–	–	–
110	60	Crown Eye	90	100●	-5	3.0	3.2	8.4
65	33	Eskaylon	30	35	–	–	–	–
18	6	Fir & Res	8	10	+2	–	–	–
100	65	Hickary	64	74●	–	1.3	1.9	8.8
17	2¼	Hooartell	–	–	–	–	–	–
22	9	Intl Comms	14	16	–	–	–	–
23	7	Kamp (PE)	6	8 r	–	–	–	–
81	41	LSW	38	43	–	1.3	3.2	51.3
57	9	Leading Lar	7	10	–	1.2	13.3	1.6
60	30	Rentamatic	30	33	–	–	–	5.6
55	27	UPL	25	32	–	–	–	–
184	128	Usr Group	180	185●	–	6.7	3.7	9.6
89	28	Video Magic Gp	25	30	-2	–	–	5.7

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 95.8 (day's range 95.7-95.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for August 21

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.9085-1.9215	1.9205-1.9215	1.12-1.10pr	3.13-3.11pr
Montrl	2.1795-2.1905	2.1874-2.1905	0.33-0.29pr	0.68-0.59pr
Amstrdm	3.3680-3.3806	3.3695-3.3732	2-1¾pr	5¾-5½pr
Brussels	61.36-61.75	61.38-61.58	31-29pr	86-81pr
Copnhgn	11.4558-11.5041	11.4663-11.4915	4½-4pr	12½-11pr
Dublin	1.1135-1.1173	1.1148-1.1158	42-36pr	108-98pr
Frankft	2.9883-3.0004	2.9883-2.9918	1¾-1½pr	4¾-4½pr
Lisbon	264.33-265.66	264.45-265.55	107-76pr	113-53pr
Madrid	184.36-186.24	185.71-186.19	11-4pr	21-11pr
Milan	2212.91-2222.70	2219.62-2222.70	9-7pr	19-18pr
Oslo	11.5708-11.6224	11.5931-11.6183	4¾-4pr	11¾-10¾pr
Paris	10.0570-10.0817	10.0586-10.0735	4¾-4½pr	11¾-11¼pr
Stckhlm	10.9968-11.0534	11.0237-11.0486	2¾-2¾pr	6-5¾pr
Tokyo	278.79-282.27	281.93-282.27	1¾-1¾pr	4¾-4¾pr
Vienna	21.01-21.10	21.02-21.05	12-11pr	32¾-30¾pr
Zurich	2.4845-2.4865	2.4659-2.4691	1¾-1¾pr	3¾-3¾pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

- Argentina austral* . 11734.6-11760.0
- Australia dollar 2.3588-2.3608
- Bahrain dinar .... n/a
- Brazil cruzado * 138.74-139.58
- Cyprus pound 0.8420-0.8520
- Finland marka 7.0475-7.1075
- Greece drachma 293.65-296.85
- Hong Kong dollar .. 14.9240-14.9335
- India rupee 33.00-33.40
- Kuwait dinar KD .... n/a
- Malaysia ringgit 5.1755-5.1802
- Mexico peso .... n/a
- New Zealand dollar .. 3.0612-3.0679
- Saudi Arabia riyal .... n/a
- Singapore dollar 3.4282-3.4330
- S Africa rand (fin)...... 7.2386-7.3827
- S Africa rand (com).... 4.9212-4.9296
- U A E dirham .... n/a

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.7185-1.7200	Denmark	5.9880-5.9935	Italy	1160.5-1161.5
Singapore	1.7870-1.7880	W Germany	1.5593-1.5600	Belgium (Com)	32.19-32.24
Malaysia	2.6970-2.6990	Switzerland	1.2900-1.2910	Hong Kong	7.7770-7.7780
Australia	1.2280-1.2295	Netherlands	1.7580-1.7590	Portugal	137.90-138.40
Canada	1.1410-1.1420	France	5.2550-5.2600	Spain	95.80-95.90
Sweden	5.7500-5.7575	Japan	146.70-146.80	Austria	10.96-10.98
Norway	6.0500-6.0575				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14¾ Low 13¾ Week fixed: 14¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14¾ 3 mth – 14¹¹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth – 14¹¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 14⁵⁄₁₆
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14¾-14¹⁹⁄₃₂
2 mth: 14¹⁷⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 14¾-14¹¹⁄₃₂ 6 mth 13²⁷⁄₃₂-13¾
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15¼
2 mth: 15⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 15 6 mth 14¹⁵⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 14¾ close 14¾
1 week: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-¾ 1 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15-14³¹⁄₃₂
6 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-¾ 9 mth: 14¾-14¾ 12 mth: 14²³⁄₃₂-14¾
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14¾ 7 day: 14¾ 1 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 mth: 14³¹⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 14¹¹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 14³¹⁄₃₂-²⁹⁄₃₂
3 mth: 14³¹⁄₃₂-⅞ 6 mth: 14²⁹⁄₃₂-⅞ 12 mth 14⁹⁄₁₆-14½
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.13-8.08
3 mth: 8.13-8.08 6 mth: 8.17-8.12 12 mth 8.27-8.22
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 14³¹⁄₃₂-14⅞ 2 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14⅞ 9 mth: 14²⁹⁄₃₂-14¾ 12 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₃₂-½

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1990 . Agreed rates August 28, 1990to Sept 25, 1990 . Scheme I: 15.80 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.22 per cent. Reference rate June 30, 1990 to July 31, 1990 . Scheme IV & V: 14.991 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8¼-7¾	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8¼-8⅛
Call: 8-7¾				
Deutschemark:	8⅜-8	8¼-8⅛	8½-8⅜	8¾-8⅝
Call: 8-7				
French Franc:	10-9¾	10-9¾	10⁵⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	10⅜-10¼
Call: 10-9				
Swiss Franc:	8¾-8⅝	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	9-8⅞
Call: 9¼-8¾				
Yen:	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	8⅛-8	8¼-8⅛
Call: 7¾-6¾				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $407.50-408.00 Close: $413.75-414.25
High: $415.00-415.50 Low: $407.00-407.50

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $421.00-426.00 (£219.00-222.00)
Krugerrand: $413.00-416.00 (£215.00-217.00)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $421.00-425.00 (£219.00-222.00)
American Eagles: $421.00-426.00 (£219.00-222.00)
New Sovereigns: $98.00-100.00 (£51.00-52.50)
Old Sovereigns: $98.00-100.00 (£51.00-52.50)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $503.25 (£262.85)
Palladium pm fix: $177.50 (£61.35)
Spot Silver: $5.20-5.22 (£2.705-2.720)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 24342		
Sep 90	2198.0	2203.0	2168.0	2179.0	5965
Dec 90	2251.0	2255.0	2227.0	2234.5	1001
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 172951		
Sep 90	85.05	85.09	85.07	85.06	2066
Dec 90	85.60	85.67	85.58	85.58	7507
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 38707		
Sep 90	91.91	91.94	91.91	91.92	1130
Dec 90	92.00	92.01	91.99	91.99	1847
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 61721		
Sep 90	91.40	91.42	91.35	91.35	2125
Dec 90	91.19	91.21	91.10	91.12	6207

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 2743		
Sep 90	89.53	89.54	89.50	89.52	296
Dec 90	89.58	89.55	89.51	89.53	195
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7306		
Sep 90	89-10	89-17	89-06	89-09	2323
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 32432		
Sep 90	80-26	81-07	80-12	80-12	15755
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 972		
Sep 90	90.35	90.41	90.31	90.32	27
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 77918		
Sep 90	81.85	81.96	81.40	81.40	31648
Dec 90	81.79	81.82	81.30	81.25	5861

COMMODITIES

LONDON OIL REPORTS

Crude oil prices came off their highs owing to possible peace initiatives. Products, however, were considerably higher on the ever strong futures.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	29.00	+5
15 day Sep	29.00	-5
15 day Oct	27 40	+10
WTI Sep	28.25	-35
WTI Oct	26.65	-25

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro · prompt delivery

Prem Gas 15	+17	398-403	+17
Gasoil EEC	+15	270-272	+15
Non 1H Sep	+14	270-271	+13
Non 1H Oct	+13	269-270	+13
3.5 Fuel Oil	+6	126-128	+6
Naphtha	+2	300-305	+3

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Aug 90 Hi 1221-1220 Low Close 1225
Sep 90 Hi 1250-1245 Low Close 1245
Oct 90 Hi ——— Low Close 1293
Jan 91 Hi ——— Low Close 1302
Vol 45 lots Open Interest 4716
Dry cargo index 1222 same

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures
Sep 264 00-65.00
Oct 265.00-65.25
Nov ...... 263.00 SLR
Dec ...... 261 75 BID
Jan ...... 254.00 BID
Feb ...... 243.50 SLR
Mar 235.00-38.00
Vol 22983

BRENT AMT Futures
Sep 28.90-29.00
Oct 27.40-27.50
Vol ...... n/a

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	88.5	88.3
Feb	97.0	96.5
Apr	135.6	135.9
May	149.3	150.5
		Vol 67

LONDON FOX

COCOA
Sep 658-660
Dec 698-699
Mar 727-728
May 748-749

AMT Futures
Jul 770-771
Sep 790-791
Dec 814-818
Vol 6792

COFFEE
Sep 554-555
Nov 581-582
Jan 606-607
Mar 622-623

AMT Futures
May 640-642
Jul 655-657
Sep 676-678
Vol 4585

SUGAR FOB
Oct 249.4-45.6
Dec 242.0-52.0
Mar 241.4-42.4

C Czarnikow
Vol: 1115
May 241 2-42.0
Aug 243.0-45.0
Oct 242.0-45.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 169
Sp 113.20 Nv 116.45 Ja 119.95
Mr 123.45 My 126.75 Jn 128.35
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 112
Sp 110.60 Nv 114.65 Ja 118.10
Mr 120.90 My 122.30
SOYABEAN AMT Futures
Oct 107.0-08.0
Dec 113.5-15.0
Vol 50

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol
Copper Gde A	1539.0-1541.0	1519.0-1520.0	568075
Lead	457.00-458.00	462.00-463.00	79225
Zinc Spec Hi*	1586.0-1588.0	1513.0-1515.0	118975
Tin*	5945-5950	6050-6055	5335
Aluminium Hi*	1790.0-1791.0	1813.0-1814.0	424950
Nickel*	11350-11400	10900-10950	12990

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	105.5	105.5
Sep	109.3	109.5
Oct	113.8	114.0
Nov	110.8	110.5

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	unq	105.3
Oct	unq	105.0
Nov	unq	106.0

Vol Pig-35 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on August 21

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	81.22	142.22	102.07
GB (+/–)	+1.51	+6.75	-0.24
Eng/Wal (%)	+14.9	-22.6	-15.9
Eng/Wal (p)	80.93	144.30	101.12
Eng/Wal (+/–)	+2.05	+6.06	+0.74
Scotland (%)	-67.0	-52.3	-60.8
Scotland (p)	84.47	133.34	106.90
Scotland (+/–)	+2.06	+5.15	+0.02

* Estimated dead carcase weight

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Further decline

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 20. Dealings end September 7. §Contango day September 10. Settlement day September 17.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 23).

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
2	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
3	Leeds	Textiles	
4	Oliver (G)	Drapery,Stores	
5	TNT	Transport	
6	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
7	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
8	Sovereign	Oil,Gas	
9	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
10	Tunstall	Electricals	
11	Caspen Oil	Oil,Gas	
12	Touchstone	Electricals	
13	Geers Gross	Paper,Print,Adv	
14	Flogas	Industrials E-K	
15	Union Square	Property	
16	Sheffield Insl	Building,Roads	
17	Howard Hldgs	Building,Roads	
18	Savoy Hotels 'A'	Hotels,Caterers	
19	Friendly Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
20	Macro 4	Electricals	
21	Copson PLC	Building,Roads	
22	Blenheim Exhib	Newspapers,Pub	
23	CIA Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
24	Bredero	Property	
25	Wholesale Fittings	Electricals	
26	Unigroup	Industrials S-Z	
27	Grampian	Leisure	
28	News Corp	Newspapers,Pub	
29	Erith	Building,Roads	
30	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
31	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
32	McKay Secs	Property	
33	Grovewood Sec	Industrials E-K	
34	Forward Tech	Electricals	
35	Cullens	Foods	
36	LASMO (aa)	Oil,Gas	
37	Newmark (Louis)	Electricals	
38	Polly Peck (aa)	Foods	
39	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
40	Park Foods	Foods	
41	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
42	Moss Bros	Drapery,Stores	
43	Pentland	Industrials L-R	
44	Mitel	Electricals	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to today's competition.

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£4,000

Claims required for +33 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1989 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
97⅞	93⅜	Exch	2½%	1990	97⅝	..	2.55	
99⅛	96⅛	Treas	3%	1990	99⅛	..	0.00	
99⅛	95⅛	Treas	8%	1990	98⅝	..	8.30	
99⅝	95⅝	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	99⅝	..	0.00	
99	92⅝	Treas	10%	1990	99	..	10.2	
94⅛	89⅝	Treas	3%	1991	94⅝	..	3.16	
95⅝	90⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	95⅝	..	5.97	
94⅝	87⅝	Treas	9%	1991	94	..	9.50	
97⅝	94⅝	Treas C	10%	1991	97⅝	..	10.3	
97⅝	89⅝	Exch	11%	1991	97⅝	..	11.2	
98⅝	92⅝	Treas	11¾%	1991	98⅝	..	11.8	
88⅝	82⅝	Treas	3%	1992	88⅝	..	3.39	
93⅝	85⅝	Treas	8%	1992	93	..	8.59	
96⅝	90⅝	Treas	10%	1992	96	● ..	10.4	
97⅝	88⅝	Treas	C10¼%	1992	96⅝	..	10.6	
100⅝	92	Exch	12¼%	1992	98⅝	● ..	12.3	
101	93⅝	Treas	12¼%	1992	99⅝	..	12.7	
103⅝	101⅝	Exch	13½%	1992	101⅝	● ..	13.3	
86⅝	81⅝	Fund	6%	1993	86	● ..	6.96	
91⅝	86⅝	Treas	8¼%	1993	91⅝	..	9.0	
96⅝	87	Treas	10%	1993	94⅝	..	10.5	
102⅝	93⅝	Treas	12½%	1993	100⅝	-⅛	12.4	
107⅝	94	Treas	13¾%	1993	103⅝	-⅛	13.2	
90⅝	84⅝	Treas	8½%	1994	89⅝	-⅛	9.5	
92⅝	82⅝	Treas	9%	1994	89⅝	..	10.0	
96⅝	84	Treas	10%	1994	93⅝	-⅛	10.7	
104⅝	94⅝	Exch	12½%	1994	100⅝	●-⅛	12.4	
107⅝	94⅝	Exch	13½%	1994	103⅝	-⅛	13.0	
110⅝	98⅝	Treas	14½%	1994	106⅝	● ..	13.6	

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1989 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
81	72⅝	Gas	3%	1990-95	78⅝	..	4.07	
96⅝	88	Exch	10¼%	1995	92⅝	-⅛	11.0	
103	94⅝	Treas	12%	1995	98⅝	-⅛	12.1	
107⅝	94⅝	Treas	12¾%	1995	102⅝	-⅛	12.4	
92	82⅝	Treas	9%	1992-96	87⅝	●-⅛	10.2	
96⅝	83⅝	Conv	10%	1996	90	-⅛	11.1	
110⅝	96	Exch	13¼%	1996	103⅝	-⅛	12.8	
112⅝	100⅝	Treas	14%	1996	105⅝	-⅛	13.2	
119⅝	102⅝	Treas	15¼%	1996	111⅝	-⅛	13.7	
90⅝	79⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	83⅝	●-⅛	10.4	
98⅝	87⅝	Exch	10½%	1997	91⅝	●-⅛	11.4	
111⅝	98⅝	Treas	13¼%	1997	103⅝	-⅛	12.7	
120⅝	106⅝	Exch	15%	1997	111	-⅛	13.4	
80⅝	69	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	74⅝	-⅛	9.0	
95⅝	83⅝	Exch	9¾%	1998	87⅝	-⅛	11.0	
107⅝	88⅝	Exch	12%	1998	97⅝	-⅛	12.2	
128	110⅝	Treas	15½%	1998	114⅝	-⅛	13.4	
95	82	Treas	9½%	1999	86	-⅛	10.9	
98	81⅝	Conv	10¼%	1999	88⅝	-⅛	11.6	
99⅝	84⅝	Treas	10½%	1999	90⅝	-⅛	11.5	
108⅝	94⅝	Exch	12¼%	1999	99	●-⅛	12.3	
88⅝	75⅝	Treas	8½%	2000	80	-⅛	10.5	
91⅝	78⅝	Conv	9%	2000	82⅝	●-⅛	10.8	
114⅝	98⅝	Treas	13%	2000	102⅝	-⅛	12.5	
95⅝	81⅝	Conv	9¾%	2001	85⅝	..	11.5	
97⅝	82⅝	Treas	10%	2001	85⅝	●-⅛	11.4	
91⅝	82⅝	Treas	10%	2001 a	90⅝	●	..	
119⅝	97⅝	Treas	14%	1998-01	108⅝	-⅛	13.0	
91⅝	78	Exch	9%	2002	79⅝	-⅛	11.3	
96⅝	81⅝	Treas	9¾%	2002	85	●-⅛	11.4	
90⅝	85	Treas	9¾%	2002 a	85⅝	●	..	
90⅝	86	Treas	9¾%	2002 b	86⅝	●	..	
97⅝	84⅝	Conv	10%	2002	87⅝		11.6	
98⅝	82⅝	Treas	10%	2003	86⅝	●-⅛	11.5	
118⅝	102	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	108⅝	-⅛	12.8	
56⅝	45⅝	Fund	3½%	1999-04	48	-⅛	7.2	
95⅝	79⅝	Conv	9½%	2004	83⅝	-⅛	11.3	
98⅝	82	Treas	10%	2004	86⅝	-⅛	11.5	
105⅝	90⅝	Treas	11½%	2001-04	94⅝	●-⅛	12.1	

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1989 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
95⅝	79⅝	Conv	9½%	2005	83⅝	-⅛	11.3	
103⅝	88⅝	Exch	10½%	2005	90⅝	●-⅛	11.5	
116⅝	95⅝	Treas	12½%	2003-05	102⅝	-⅛	12.1	
84⅝	69⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06	73	-⅛	10.9	
89⅝	73⅝	Treas	8½%	2007	77⅝	-⅛	10.9	
111	93⅝	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	97⅝	-⅛	11.9	
93⅝	77⅝	Treas	9%	2008	81	-⅛	11.0	
125	105⅝	Treas	13½%	2004-08	108⅝	●-⅛	12.2	
85⅝	69⅝	Treas	8%	2009	73⅝	●-⅛	10.8	
94	77⅝	Conv	9%	2011	80⅝	-⅛	11.0	
83⅝	50⅝	Treas	5½%	2008-12	53⅝	●-⅛	10.2	
82⅝	67⅝	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	70⅝	-⅛	10.9	
121⅝	98⅝	Exch	12%	2013-17	104⅝	..	11.4	

UNDATED

1989 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
25⅝	20⅝	Consols	2½%	21⅝	..	..	
61⅝	55⅝	Conv	3½%	55⅝	..	6.0	
41	33⅝	Consols	4%	34⅝	..	..	
25⅝	20⅝	Treas	2½%	21⅝	..	..	
32⅝	22⅝	Treas	3%	26⅝	..	..	
38⅝	29⅝	War Ln	3½%	30⅝	-⅛	..	

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
58¼	37	HK Shanghai	38	38	-½			
478	423	Joseph (Leopold)	410	435●	..	21.1	5.0	17.6
150	123½	King & Shaxson	123	128	-2	13.7	10.9	13.1
422	323	Kleinwort Benson	321	327●	-3	21.3	6.6	8.2
316	244	Lloyds (aa)	270	274●	-7	18.7	6.9	
56	44	Lon Scot Bk	47	50		3.4	6.9	18.3
401	231	Midland (aa)	235	238●	-3	24.0	10.1	
320	272	Nat Aust Bk	285	289	+8			
388	228	Nat West (aa)	288	292●	-5	23.3	8.0	16.7
426	368½	Provident	380	397	-8	27.3	8.9	8.5
51	39	Rea Bros	37	42		0.7	1.8	19.1
200	146	Rothschild (J) Hld	143	147		13.3		
234	147	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	145	149	-3	10.1	6.9	7.7
902	713	Schroders	726	759	-10	16.7	2.3	10.0
615	365	Stand Chart (aa)	363	367●	-17	46.7	12.8	
147	121	TSB (aa)	121	123●	-4	8.1	6.6	18.4
611	582	Union Disc	535	545●	-10	44.0	8.1	29.2
525	359	Warburg SG	355	362	-10	20.0	5.6	8.3
179	124	Do 8% 'A'	122	125	-3	8.0	6.5	
50⅛	29⅝	Wells Fargo	29⅝		-⅛			
279	186	Westpac	202	205	+8			
420	358	Wintrust	360	370●		11.6	3.2	9.9

BREWERIES

1990 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
520	466	Allied-Lyons (aa)	448	450	-8	22.8	5.0	9.4
11¼	886	Bass (aa)	10⅞	10⅞		40.3	3.9	11.2
170	130	Boddington	133	137	-3	6.8	5.0	11.1
198	161	Bulmer (H P)	168	175●	-3	10.2	6.0	12.3
227	150	Burtonwood Brew	148	158	-5	5.7	3.5	14.3
400	290	Clark (Matthew)	358	363●	-2	18.0	5.0	6.9
266	144	Devenish (JA)	140	148	-2	6.3	4.4	10.2
115	68	Elders IXL	68	70				
691	533	Grand Met (aa)	532	533●	-21½	24.8	4.5	11.7
389	295	Greenall Whit	300	305	-7	12.5	4.1	9.9
420	314	Greene King	310	317	-11	13.1	4.2	9.2
823	632	Guinness (aa)	647	652	-20	20.4	3.1	13.7
955	800	Hardys & Hansons	890	910		39.9	4.4	13.0
252	182	Highland Dist	189	194	-6	5.5	2.9	18.4
480	375	Mansfield	440	450●		15.1	3.4	10.6
222	160	Marston Thompson	178	182	-8	5.4	3.0	13.7
400	315	Morland	385	390	-3	7.4	2.3	10.0
738	478	SA Breweries	550	570	-10			
365½	278	Scot & New (aa)	313	317●	-7	17.3	5.5	11.0
329	191	Vaux Group	190	195	-7	11.0	5.7	10.4
489	380	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	414	417	-3	19.7	4.7	11.6
12¼	11¼	Do 'B'	12	13		19.7	7.6	35.1
430	339	Wolverhampton & D	383	393	-5	11.6	3.0	13.1
495	450	Young 'A'	440	480	-5	15.3	3.4	18.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1990 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
130	69	Abbey	63	73	-2			
504	198	Amec	195	200s	-6	12.7	8.4	5.8
132	32	Anglia Sec	30	33	-1			
155	128	Ancliffe	115	130	-10	9.0	7.3	3.1
531	405	Attwoods	420	428r	-19	11.7	2.8	21.3
239	179	BPB Ind (aa)	178	182	-9	15.0	8.3	7.7
144	87	Baggeridge Brick	83	90	-7	4.2	4.8	5.5
71	30	Bailey (Ben) Constr	27	32	-8	2.5	8.9	2.3
185	135	Bardon Group	180	183●	-2	5.1	2.8	19.3
215	159	Barratt Devs	157	161	-5	17.9	11.3	8.8
178	124	Beazer PLC (aa)	122	125	-5	10.3	8.3	4.2
217	165	Bellway	185	190	-8	14.7	7.8	4.9
41	12	Bellwinch	12	17	+3			2.2
221	142	Berkeley Gp	190	195●	-5	6.0	3.1	
142	128	Bett Bros	120	130		8.1	6.6	6.1
155	100	Blockleys	95	105	-15	6.4	6.4	7.1
271	195	Blue Circle (aa)	195	198	-5	14.7	7.5	8.7
468	433	Boot (Henry)	455	465	-3	28.0	6.1	10.6
125	98	Breedon PLC	105	115		5.7	5.2	12.4
185	123	Br Dredging	119	126		9.3	7.6	8.8
123	75	Bryant	74	78	-3	6.4	8.5	4.8
119	78	CALA	82	87		4.5	5.3	4.7
286	210	CRH	207	212	-7			
63	57	Cakebread Robey	62	62	-18	3.6	6.3	10.4
172	109	Colroy	122	132		10.3	8.1	4.2
182	56	Conder Gp	53	63		4.3	7.4	3.4
110	51	Copson PLC	50	55	+2	5.2	10.0	5.2
315	211	Costain	208	215	-18	16.3	7.7	10.4
231	113	Countryside	110	115●	-14	5.5	4.9	3.1
217	117	Crest Nicholson	116	118●	-6	10.2	8.7	4.1
103	70	Crosby James	84	89●		5.0	5.7	3.4
433	265	Douglas (RM)	340	350●	-10	14.0n	4.1	7.3
40¼	33½	Edmund Hldgs	33	34½	-½	2.5	7.4	8.2
75	52	Erith	57	62	+2	5.2	8.7	12.9
151	111	Evered	113	115	-8	7.3	6.4	7.0
58	2	Finlan Gp	1½	3 r		2.9		
84	59	Galliford	68	70	-2	5.3	7.7	8.8
185	120	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	120	140	+10	2.7	2.1	85.5
768	641	Gleeson (MJ)	705	735	-20	13.0	1.8	9.6
200	132	Graham Wood	127	137●		10.7	8.1	4.1
182	98	Harrison Ind	90	100		9.7	10.2	6.1
124	78	Hewden-Stuart	76	79	-2	3.7	4.7	5.7
295	224	Heywood Williams	227	231●	-5	16.7	7.3	7.0
463	319	Higgs & Hill	334	342	-16	26.7	7.9	6.4
75	50	How Gp	40	51		4.8	9.6	9.3
37	25	Howard Hldgs	24	27●	+1	2.0	7.7	10.8
152	101	Ibstock Johnsen	100	103	-2	8.0	7.8	5.3
125	68	Jarvis	65	70		3.3	4.9	6.9
325	242	Laing (J)	262	265	-7	17.3	6.6	7.5
86	55	Lawrence (Walter)	57	59	-2	10.0	17.2	3.6
60	54½	Liley	54	55	-3½	3.3	6.1	5.7
254	145	Lovell (YJ)	142	147●	-6	11.9	8.2	3.9
208	178	Manders	183	187	-3	9.1	4.9	18.2
150	105	Marley	104	107	-3	8.5	8.0	7.0
134	80	Marshalls	88	92●	-4	6.7	7.4	8.3
92	65	Maunders (J)	70	75	-4	6.8	9.0	3.9
365	311	McAlpine (Alfred)	328	334		21.5	6.5	17.7
140	38	McCarthy & S	38	41	-2	2.0	5.0	5.7
440	333	Meyer Int	354	366●	-14	22.0	6.0	8.7
387	280	Mowlem (John)	286	293	-5	28.9	9.7	6.8
115	74	NSM	78	81●	-3	4.7	5.9	8.2
195	139	Newman Tonks	137	142		12.4	8.9	8.0
191	133	Persimmon	154	158	-11	8.7	5.6	6.1
110	71	Phoenix Timber	70	73		3.7	5.1	18.0
14	10½	Pochins	10½	11½		37.3	3.4	5.5
188	114	Prowting	135	137	-5	6.7	4.9	8.2
745	578	RMC Gp (aa)	573	583	-21	24.0	4.2	8.5
114	86	Raine Ind	88	91	-2	7.3	8.1	7.3
641	512	Redland (aa)	510	515	-21	31.1	6.1	8.9
189	140	Rugby Group	147	150	-9	8.8	5.8	7.4
112	69	Sharpe & Fisher	97	102		5.3	5.3	9.7
149	125	Sheffield Insl	124	129	+1	6.6	5.2	10.0
182	153	Smart (J)	180	185	-2	8.8	5.4	8.2
455	346	Steetley	373	378	-23	18.3	4.9	9.6
289	207	Tarmac (aa)	228	232	-7	18.0	8.5	7.2
111	79	Tay Homes	98	100	-4	5.6	5.7	3.9
325	230	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	228	234	-9	12.0	5.2	9.3
685	535	Tilbury Group	570	580	-20	42.7	7.4	8.3
217	163	Travis Perkins	175	185	-5	10.7	5.9	10.9
111	68	Try Group	80	85	-2	8.0	12.7	3.4
325	272	Turriff	285	290	-5	20.0	6.9	6.8
172	123	Vibroplant	120	125●	-9	4.8	3.9	8.0
355	185	Ward Group	175	195	-5	9.8	5.2	5.1
95	48	Ward Hldgs	60	62●		3.5	5.7	8.8
447	315	Watts Blake	418	425	-2	11.5	2.7	14.6
91	38	Wiggins						
308	240	Wilson Bowden	275	280	-11	10.1	3.6	6.9
181	148	Wilson (Connolly)	150	154	-10	4.8	3.0	8.5
266	202	Wimpey G (aa)	200	205	-12	14.0	6.9	8.7
105	88	YRM	86	89●		6.7	7.6	6.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1990 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	129	Allied Colloids	128	130●	-1	4.9	3.3	12.6
401	269	Amersham	290	308	-17	15.7	5.3	8.9
61	39	Anglo Utd	38	38½●	-1½	1.9	4.9	6.3
185	135	BTP	158	160 r	-7	10.5	6.6	8.5
118¾	81⅛	Bayer DM50	81⅛		-1⅛			
184	165	Blagden	174	177●		12.5	7.1	10.5
187	125	Brent Chems	154	157		8.1b	5.8	12.5
540	160	Caird Gp	185	188	-3	3.9	1.8	29.2
239	174	Canning (W)	169	177	-1	9.5	5.5	8.1
180	151	Croda	148	152	-3	14.7	9.7	8.5
230	169	Ellis & Everard	170	175●	-2	9.2b	5.4	9.3
20	15	European Colour	14½	16		0.8	5.2	13.8
159	108	Evode	107	110●	-2	8.3	7.6	8.5
314	198	Foseco	195	200	-3	18.0	9.1	6.4
237	177	Halstead (James)	176	183	-2	13.0	7.2	5.6
245	137	Hickson	135	138	-15	10.7	7.8	5.8
115¾	78¾	Hoechst DM50	78¾		-3¾			
12⅝	900	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	900	902●	-19	73.3	8.1	6.9
582	463	Laporte (aa)	460	466	-22	22.0	4.8	11.9
393	304	Leigh	302	305●	-7	9.5	3.1	18.0
21⅝	15	Norsk Hydro	21⅛		+⅛			
137	98	Plysu	113	117	-4	4.7	4.1	13.4
392	172	Rentokil	188	193	-3	3.6	1.9	19.3
200	65	Sutcliffe Speakman	82	92	-3	2.7	3.1	9.2
335	253	Wardle Storeys plc	265	275	-1	18.7	6.9	14.6
338	224	Wolstenholme Rink	285	305		21.7	7.4	8.0
498	341	Yorkshire Chem	358	365●	-5	17.3	4.8	9.8
138	111	Yule Catto	109	112	-1	6.0	5.4	8.0

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INSURANCE

1990 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
373	293	London & Man	354	358	+3	16.1	5.3	22.8
44	30	Lon Utd Inv				..f		
49½	35	Marsh McLen	35⅝		+⅛			
86	43	PWS	70	73	-3	3.7	5.1	11.3
245	188	Prudential (aa)	195	197	-6	12.3	6.3	
722	580	Refuge	633	640	-10	32.3	5.1	
582	408	Royal (aa)	407	410	-16	34.7	8.5	
314	180	Sedgwick (aa)	185	190	+5	16.0	8.5	17.8
292	259	Steel Burrill	255	263	-2	14.7	5.7	16.5
298	204	Stage Hldgs	200	207●	-11	20.7	10.1	5.6
350	277	Sun Alliance (aa)	280	281	-1½	16.7	6.0	
13⅞	10¼	Sun Life	10¼	10⅜●		59.0	5.6	
158	106	Trade Indemnity	105	110		2.5	2.3	10.5
295	221	Willis Faber (aa)	218	223	-3	16.0	7.2	13.9
32	10	Windsor	15	18				10.8

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LEISURE

1990 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
296	214	Anglia TV 'A'	238	245	-6	12.4	5.1	8.7
190	137½	Barr & WA 'A'	145	160	-5	11.7	7.6	15.7
465	415	Boosey & Hawkes	430	480		16.4	3.6	12.1
376	202	Brent Walker	200	234	-23	20.0	9.9	1.5
85	76	Buckingham Intl	74	77●	-4	2.8	3.7	11.7
235	180	Campari	193	198●	-9	14.0	7.1	6.5
259	132	Capital Radio	152	155	-5	6.3	4.1	10.8
410	318	Carlton Comm	322	330●	-17	15.8	4.8	6.2
468	348	Castle Comm	345	350	-5	12.0	3.4	12.3
752	659	Central TV	693	705	-6	38.0	5.4	10.9
147	100	Chrysalis	98	102		5.3	5.3	
148	83	Cityvision	82	84	-5	1.3	1.6	10.9
390	305	Compass Gp	325	328	-4	12.6	3.9	13.0
11½	850	Euro Disney	845	855	-28			
94	40	Euro Leisure	39	42		2.0	4.9	7.9
235	191	First Leisure	189	193r	-15	5.5	2.9	15.5
85	68	Grampian	82	85	+1	4.7	5.6	8.1
136	84	HTV Group	92	95	-5	8.0	8.5	12.1
245	155	Hamburger Brooks	130	180				
87	42½	Kunick	42	43	-1	2.5	5.9	8.1
89	68	LWT CP	75	80	-1	5.3	6.8	
176	56	Mecca	66	69	-5	8.7	9.9	6.0
169	108	Midsummer	105	115		5.6	5.1	10.2
87	41	Owners Abroad	60	62●		3.5	5.7	7.6
87	12	Pavilion Leisure	12	16				1.1
193	98	Quadrant Group	95	105	-5	5.1	5.1	9.0
241	218	Really Useful	233	238		..f		27.3
530	465	Scot TV	485	490	-11	33.3	6.8	6.1
248	172	Stanley Leisure	170	174●	-6	7.2	4.2	9.0
184	70	TVS	68	72	-3	17.4	16.3	5.8
96	78	TSW	78	79	-½	5.6	7.1	6.3
555	420	Thames TV	417	423	-15	21.3	5.1	8.5
123	88	Tottenham Hotspur	85	100		8.7	8.8	10.1
218	158	TV-AM	182	185		13.3	7.2	7.9
410	280	Tyne Tees TV	285	288	-5	25.3	8.8	6.7
152	127	Ulster TV	137	139	-2	8.0	5.8	6.5
32	11	Video Store Gp	10	11½				
106½	82	Wembley	82	84	-4	2.7	3.3	12.8
43½	12½	Whitegate	12	13	-½			21.6
314	226	Yorkshire TV	243	248		15.1	6.1	6.5
156	128	Zetters Gp	127	131●	-4	9.3	7.2	12.6

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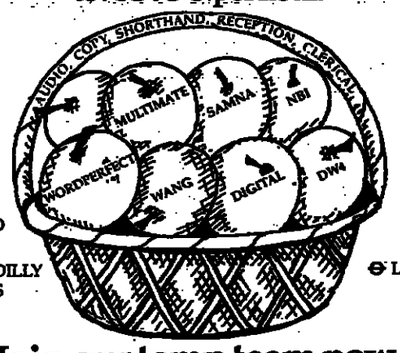

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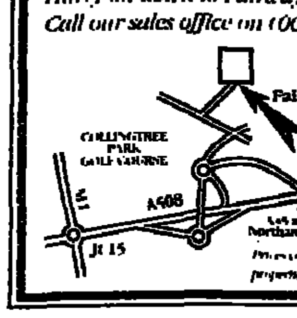

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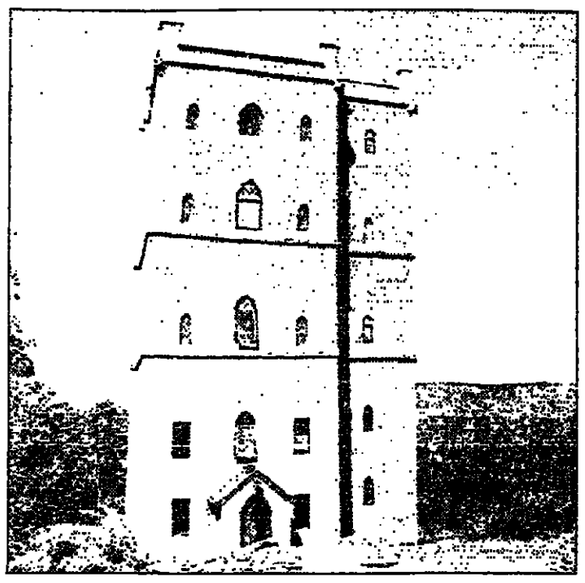

Traditional country values: Chaceley Court in Gloucestershire, price £450,000, and John Winter's controversial spy tower at Combe Florey in Somerset, price £345,000

If there is a sector in the house market that has escaped with little injury from the slump of the past two years, it is the upper part of the country house market.

This is illustrated by Savills, whose summer survey indicates that the price of the traditional country house costing £500,000 or more has decreased in value by no more than 10 per cent since 1988. By comparison, modern houses and development are down by between 20 and 30 per cent, period houses and cottages costing £150,000 to £300,000 down by 15 to 25 per cent, and period village houses, farmhouses and small country houses at £300,000 to £500,000 down by 10 to 20 per cent.

William Gething, of Property Vision, a company which acts for buyers, says there is a reasonable number of would-be purchasers around at the top end, although fewer than in the late 1980s. "Last year," he explains, "it was a question of getting there 'firstest with the mostest' and trying to outbid the opposition. Now there are fewer buyers and the company is spending a lot of time negotiating the keenest price for them."

Property Vision emphasises that, for a quality house with few flaws and a reasonable price, there are still plenty of buyers. Mr Gething says: "The country market so far in 1990 appears to have many of the characteristics of the curate's egg. It is good in parts, but it is difficult to predict accurately what part of the egg is going to taste good. What is still safe to predict is that quality property, priced sensibly, will sell perfectly well."

James Wilson, of Wilson and Wilson, another company which acts for buyers and therefore sees the market from a different perspective from the estate agent, has found there are fewer buyers in the market, but "the quality" of the buyer is higher. "From the buying side there is a sense of realism and agents too are starting to be more realistic, although it has taken longer than is generally realised to reach this situation," he says.

There has also been a change in the areas most in demand. During the property boom, buyers were searching further and further from London because the home counties were becoming too expensive. The slowdown in the market has meant that the traditional areas of west Sussex, Hampshire and Berkshire have once more become realistic options.

GA Town & Country in the southeast believes the market may well have bottomed out in the South, and that a "very slow" recovery is on the way. Across the market, prices are often 25 to 30 per cent below that of the 1988 peak, but good prices are being achieved at the top end of the period house market. "There does seem to be a noticeable shortage of quality character country houses becoming available in the £500,000 to £1 million price range," says Anthony Brooks, the company's southeast director. "But when these properties do become available, inevitably the prices achieved are on a par with, if not higher than, the prices achieved in 1988."

To prove the point, he recalls that Town Place at Scaynes Hill near Haywards Heath, a 16th-century, six-bedroomed, farmhouse in three acres, was sold before coming on to the market. The six-bedroom Warren, Wadhurst, Sussex, sold at the guide price of £500,000, and Yew Tree Cottage at Otford, near Sevenoaks, Kent, sold quickly at just below the £395,000 asking price.

Patrick Ramsay, of Knight Frank & Rutley, estimates that prices are down by 25 per cent for most properties, but that exceptional houses — for example, a pretty Georgian or Queen Anne house with a cottage in 20 acres in Berkshire, Hampshire or Oxfordshire — will be only 5 per cent down.

Previously the company had six or seven people chasing a good property, now it is two or three, Mr Ramsey says. "The irritating thing is that it is not because of a lack of money, but that people are waiting for the market to bottom out and have to be persuaded that perhaps it has. Interest rates need to come down, not because of the money saving, but because this will indicate that the economy is improving."

He says there are good bargains to be had now, with some properties coming to the market in September and October, but then there is likely to be nothing more until next March.

If interest rates have come down by then, prices will be marked up, Mr Ramsey says. "If the pound drops the international buyer, who has been out for a year, will be back. Prices could then go up quickly."

He admits that this has been a difficult year for giving advice because of continuing uncertainty about interest rates and the economy. "But now that the market has adjusted to the situation, houses are competitively priced."

Winters Tower at Combe Florey, Somerset, is a country house with a difference. The 80ft tower was built by John Winter in 1790 with the intention of spying on his neighbours, the Lethbridges of Sandhill Park, with whom he had court battles costing them more than £20,000 in legal fees. The tower was saved from dereliction by Des Baker, a specialist builder from Burnham-on-Sea, who has spent a year restoring it.

The lounge is on the fourth floor above the four bedrooms, giving fine views to the Quantocks, Brendons and Blackdowns. The price, through Cornerstone Prestige Homes, Taunton, is £345,000.

Chaceley Court, at Chaceley in Gloucestershire is set in 19 acres of paddocks, with stables and other outbuildings. The brick house, dating from the 17th century, has four reception rooms and six bedrooms.

The agent, Savills, praises its quietness, since the noise is only of bees, bird song and the volley of tennis balls on the hard tennis court. No doubt the beating of butterfly wings is deafening, too, and the price of silence is about £450,000.

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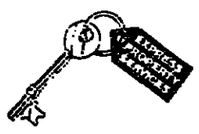

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Developers bet on a 1992 boom for City

New offices nearing completion in central London could fail to meet demand in the future race for space

About 15 million sq ft of new office buildings are scheduled for completion in the City of London by the end of 1991, the agent Weatherall Green & Smith concludes in a survey of development sites of more than 20,000 sq ft.

Of the estimated 15 million sq ft planned for the City, about 4.35 million sq ft is either pre-let or under offer. Weatheralls says these figures could suggest an oversupply but this is not necessarily the case. The market for modern City offices is likely to stabilise over the next year for a number of reasons.

Fred Hargreaves of Weatheralls points to interest in several buildings now nearing completion. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is in the market for 160,000 sq ft by the end of next year. Other large occupiers are thought to be close to agreeing terms for new space. In all, up to one million sq ft of new space could soon be absorbed.

A second reason is that many occupiers, particularly professional firms, are under pressure to move to quality modern buildings to upgrade their image and remain competitive in attracting the best workforce. They are likely to allocate more space per employee to accommodate information technology and improve their employees' working environment.

Another factor is increasing evidence that developers are deferring projects where there is no prospective tenant. This will have no impact this year but some building scheduled for next year may be deferred. Building from 1992 onwards is likely to be put on ice until the economic climate is better.

Hargreaves adds that by 1992-93 there may be a shortage of new buildings in the City at a time when the removal of European trade barriers could increase demand. If this happens, it could lead to a significant recovery in the letting market.

A survey of the central London office market by Debenham Tewson Research comes to a slightly different conclusion.

This research indicates that there has been an improvement in take-up this month but the volume of office space coming on to the market, at around 1.8 million sq ft per month, still exceeds demand in the broader market.

The recent rise in take-up stabilised availability during July at 13.6 million sq ft. Debenham Tewson expects further significant rises in supply over the next six to nine months and estimates the stock of ready-to-occupy offices by early 1991 will have reached 16-17 million sq ft.

The survey shows that offices let, sold or placed under offer in the City, Holborn and the West End in July totalled 1.3 million sq ft, an increase of 88 per cent on the June total, and the highest monthly total this year.

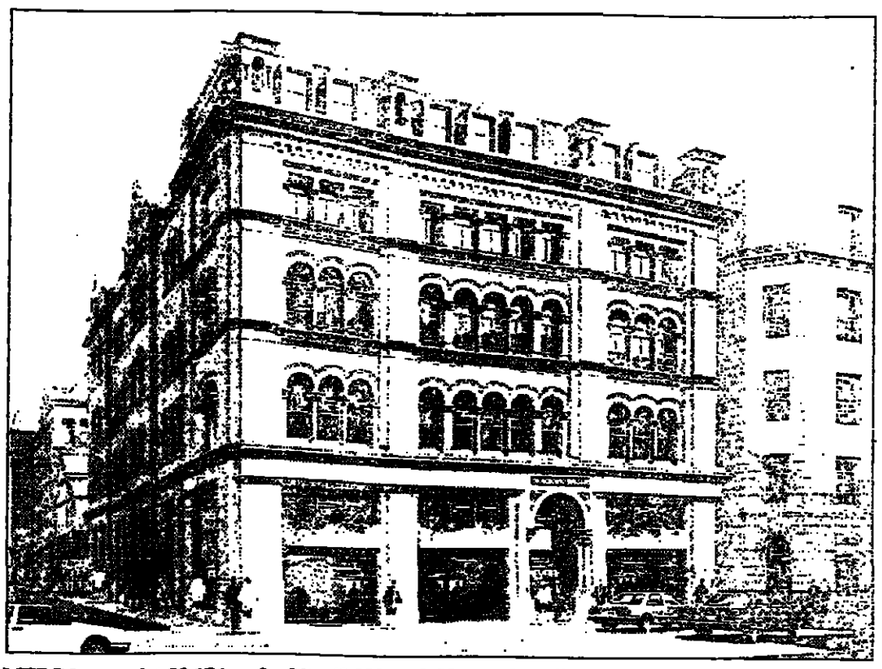
Take-up was boosted by a number of large deals of more than 50,000 sq ft, including 160,000 sq ft for Price Waterhouse at Milton Gate, EC2, and 96,000 sq ft agreed by Liffe at Speyhawk's Cannon Bridge station development.

Debenham Tewson says its survey confirmed the continuing demand for large units of new, quality offices at a time when the flow of such space on to the market was at a peak.

The City was helped by the increase in take-up. Available office space fell by three per cent during July to stand at 8.2 million sq ft. An increase in withdrawals from the market, including several of more than 50,000 sq ft, also contributed to the decline in availability.

Oversupply affecting parts of the office market in central London and the south-east could well spread to the regions in 1991 and 1992, says Debenham Tewson.

While most provincial markets are now enjoying a boom, rental growth is down and demographic and economic forecasts do not support the planned level of building, it says.



MEPC has pre-let 23,174 sq ft of its 40,000 sq ft Newmarket office development in Manchester city centre. Sabre Leasing has taken a 25-year lease with five yearly rent reviews at a rent of £15.50 a sq ft which, says Lambert Smith Hampton, the letting agents, was local record. Newmarket, scheduled for completion this month, comprises two buildings of five storeys, linked at basement and ground-floor level.

IN THE MARKET

■ Surrey Business Centres has introduced what it claims to be a new concept in flexible office accommodation, suitable for both small and larger companies and described as a "bureautel". Alan Whitehead, the company's founder, says a bureautel is just like an ordinary hotel in its operation, but instead of bedrooms with bath for hire, there are fully furnished and equipped offices for hire from one day upwards. The Athena House bureautel is situated above the underground station at Morden, Surrey, within easy reach of the City.

■ Tass, the Soviet news agency, has taken 1,800 sq ft of offices at Swan House on High Holborn, London WC1, at a rent equal to £37 a sq ft, from the German publishing company Burda. The move was a result of Land Securities' redevelopment of the agency's former premises at Communications House, Gough Square, off Fleet Street, London EC4.

■ Stamford Land has gained planning permission for a £20 million hotel scheme set in a 75-acre development close to Toyota's new car plant at Willington, Derbyshire. The hotel, which will cost £12 million to build, includes a golf course and leisure centre. It will be well placed to take advantage of custom from the Japanese group's £700 million plant which will employ 3,000 people. The 114 bedroom hotel will have conference facilities, and the leisure scheme is due for completion by the end of 1992, in time for the full operation of the Toyota plant.

Lakeside soaks up £300m

A new shopping centre will be down the road for 13 million people

THURROCK Lakeside at West Thurrock, Essex, which will be one of Europe's largest shopping centres, is to be opened in October by Princess Alexandra.

There is a new £22 million link road joining the M25 to the centre. The road is one of the largest to be built with private funds in recent years, and was opened this month by the developer, Capital & Counties, ahead of schedule, to ease traffic while other road repairs are made.

The £300 million development on 150 acres of wasteland has taken two years to complete, with 2,000 men working on site around the clock.

Denis Marler, chairman of Capital & Counties, says that the centre will be within one hour's drive of 13 million people. He has tried to avoid parking difficulties by providing 9,000 carparking spaces and a 250-space coach park.

The centre includes a 20-acre lake, and will have more than one million square feet of enclosed retail space occupied by about 180 retailers, including major store chains such as Marks & Spencer, Debenhams, House of Fraser, and the Burton group.

Britons are taking to the bicycle, the gym and the playing fields in an attempt to shape up. **Anthony Cox** reports on the facts behind the fitness fad

All toned up and fit for anything

Exercise is today's best buy in public health, according to the experts. But it is impossible to measure fitness without asking what the aim is. Medical tests measure the performance of different functions of the body, such as muscular strength or blood pressure, rather than a general physical state.

It is impossible, for example, to say whether a swimmer is fitter than a champion weight-lifter because, according to physical educationists, fitness means nothing more than the ability to carry out a particular activity. The swimmer is fit for swimming, the weight-lifter fit for swinging his dumb-bells. Different sports make different demands.

Nevertheless, at a lower level than the highly defined requirements of a specific sport, there is a sense in which we know what it means to be unfit. The person who finds himself breathless after climbing upstairs, for example, will grudgingly admit to being out of condition.

Exercise can benefit everyone, particularly the couch potato who ought to be fit enough to run for the bus when the need arises. Exercise contributes to an improvement in well-being and, even if that is difficult to define, everyone knows what it means.

Professor J.N. Morris, the chairman of the joint Sports Council-Health Education Authority Fitness and Health Advisory Group, considers there is no better way for people to spend 1 or 2 per cent of their time. "Exercise," he says, "contributes to a reduction in mortality and morbidity and adds to the enjoyment of life. People feel better for it and they function better. It is of special value to the elderly in prolonging an active and independent life, and also to those with chronic diseases and disabilities. Many of them could make a start by just a little more walking. Much of the evidence for the benefits of exercise has been known for a long time but is still regularly ignored."

It is not true that there is no gain without pain, but the pursuer of fitness will not reach his goal without effort. Frank Dick, a coach to Olympic athletes such as Daley Thompson, says: "Coaching someone who wants to lose a few pounds and get into shape is, in principle, no different from an athlete training for an Olympic gold medal."

While everyone has to be prepared to invest effort if they want to be fit, some are so keen to match their exercises to their status that they are prepared to invest more to sweat it out in style and comfort. Top-class health and fitness clubs in London charge joining fees ranging from £250 to £1,500 and annual membership costs at least another £400.

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Nevertheless, many keep-fit enthusiasts get by with little more than a ticket to the municipal swimming pool, a skipping rope and a few square feet of back garden or a pair of running shoes and a street map.

For some, the attempt to improve their level of fitness does not even require a lot of effort. It is possible to lie down and exercise — after a fashion — with a machine moving one's muscles. Motorised toning tables are appearing in Britain after catching the attention of North America's flabbies.

The tables can help to strengthen muscles without the heavy stress loads associated with traditional exercise, but they will not do anything for heart or lung fitness, which are always critical factors in any assessment of overall fitness.

The frequently drawn picture of a race of unfit Britons should not be accepted too readily. A recent survey underlined the popularity of cycling, golf and swimming among middle-aged men, and of dancing and keep-fit classes with women. It also showed that one in six young men played football. Another survey of leisure interests among 3,200 youngsters between 11 and 18 years old in Northern Ireland, discovered that playing sport ranked higher than television or computer games.

However, according to Dr Neil Armstrong, the chairman of the British Association of Sports Sciences, British children are less active than they should be, even if they are not necessarily less fit than their predecessors.

Fitness tests by University of Exeter researchers on 400 children showed that 76.7 per cent of the boys and 87.7 per cent of the girls failed to exercise their hearts sufficiently each week. This is surprising because, as a demonstration that exercise need not be all-demanding to achieve the recommended minimum level of cardiovascular fitness, an individual need only take exercise equivalent to brisk walking for at least 20 minutes three times a week.

This fact is probably well-known, at least intuitively. Sports Council figures estimate that the number of people who regularly go for a walk of at least two miles totals 10 million.

The pursuit of fitness is not without risks. Injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments and the skeleton can result from contact sports or from straightforward over-use. Should the pursuit of fitness carry a health warning? Not according to the Sports Council, which says: "When exercise is of a suitable intensity for the individual, regular, and undertaken with sensible precautions, the benefits greatly outweigh the risks."

● *Advice is available from local sports centres, recreation and leisure departments of local councils; the Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0QE; the Health Education Authority, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH; and from many magazines and books.*

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THE TIMES DEGREE COURSE VACANCY SERVICE

Today, The Times publishes a list of vacancies remaining in Polytechnics and Colleges of Higher Education for degree courses.

The lists are compiled from CAMPUS 2000 educational database service. The information has been supplied by the Polytechnic Central Admissions System (PCAS), and represents course vacancies that existed at 2pm yesterday. Some of the polytechnics may offer several courses with different codes all appearing under a particular course title. These courses are modular and will include study in a variety of subjects, one of which is in the title. Applicants should consult their PCAS handbooks or Institution prospectuses for more information about the courses offered.

CAMPUS 2000, The Education Network from British Telecom and The Times, provides full lists of all degree course vacancies, available to approximately 10,000 educational establishments, including over 200 Local Education Authority Careers Offices. Vacancy lists are also available to Prestel, ECCTIS 2000 and Telecom Gold users. Periodically during the vacancy service, The Times will produce lists of LEA Careers Offices and their telephone numbers from which students can get professional advice.

Once again, Capital Radio is operating from today until Friday August 31 a 'Call a Course' service between 5:30pm and 8pm on each weekday. Callers will receive free advice on current vacancies from a panel of careers advisers by calling 071-484-6111.

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Writtle Agricultural Coll: 009D

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Oxford: B150
South West: C100
Sheffield: 011C. C999. F110
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Teesside: F999. J800
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Sheffield: 011C. C999
Sunderland: 011C. B110. BC11. C110. C999. CC18. CF11. CF16. CG11. CG15. J800
Teesside: J800. L700
Trent: 011C. C110. CF11. CF13. CG11. CG15
Wales: CF11. CF13. CF19. CJ18
Wolverhampton: 011C. C120. Y100
Buckingham (HE): J500. J501
Anglia (HE): CF11. F910. F911
Derby (HE): CL18
Dorset (HE): B991
Humber (HE): 169F
Canterbury, Christ Church: GY1C. GY5C. LY8C. MY91. MY9C. PY41. PY4C. QY31. QY3C. WY11. WY1C. XY31. XY3C
Gwent (HE): F910
Luton (HE): C1F9. C1G5
Northampton, Nene: Y400
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F6C9. F8C9. G1C9. L8C9. Y5C9
South Glamorgan (HE): 011C
Carmarthen, Trinity: Y400
Worcester (HE): C100. Y600

Biomedical Science
Birmingham: B983
Bristol: C110
Hatfield: F110
Kingston: C999
Lancashire: Y150
Leeds: B990
Liverpool: C999
London (Central): B940. C980
London (South Bank): B971
London (Thames): C110. Y100
Portsmouth: C999
Sheffield: 011C. C999
Sunderland: C999
Wolverhampton: B920. C120. Y100
Derby (HE): CW12
Luton (HE): 5G1C
South Glamorgan (HE): C980

Biomolecular Science
Coventry: 126C
Leicester: 011C. C999
London (Thames): 001F. C700. F110. Y100
London (East): 011C. C600
Oxford: C140
South West: 011C
Wolverhampton: C120

Biophysical Science
Hatfield: F110
London (East): C600. C620
Sheffield: C999

Biotechnology
Bristol: 011C. C110
Hatfield: C110. F110
Huddersfield: 001F
Lancashire: C199
Leicester: 011C. C999
London (Central): C980. J800
London (South Bank): 008H. 011C. 124D. H800. H808. J801. J808
London (Thames): B300. C110. C700. Y100
London (East): J820. J840. J844
South West: 011C. C100
Sheffield: 011C. C999
Sunderland: 011C. C110. J800
Teesside: 008H. H800. J800
Wales: CJ18
Wolverhampton: C120. Y100
Derby (HE): CW12
Humber (HE): 169F

Book Binding Technology
London (Institute): 612W

Botanic Studies
London (Thames): 009D. D900
London (East): J840. J844

Building or Construction
Brighton: H108. K200
Bristol: 002K. K200. K260. K280. K472
Coventry: 062K. K200
Hatfield: 002H. H200
Huddersfield: 001K
Lancashire: 002K. K201
Leeds: 002H. 002K
Leicester: 002K
Liverpool: 002K. K200
London (Central): K200
London (South Bank): 002H. 002K. H200. H208. K200. K208. K260. N800
London (Thames): 002H. H200. K280. KN21
Middlesex: H200. H208. KN21
Newcastle: 002K. 042K. K200. K208. K240. K248. K260
Oxford: 002K
South West: 002H. H200
Sheffield: 002K. K250. K280
Sunderland: H201
Teesside: 002H. H200
Trent: 002K
Wales: 002H. 002K. H200. K200. K280
Wolverhampton: 002K. KN28
Bolton (HE): 002K
Buckingham (HE): 002K
Anglia (HE): 002K. K200. K472
Humber (HE): K100
Gloucester, Arts & Tech: 002K
Northampton, Nene: 052K
North East Wales (HE): 002K
South Glamorgan (HE): 242K
Southampton (HE): 002K

Building Services Engineering
Brighton: K200
Bristol: K200
Coventry: K200
Hatfield: H200
London (South Bank): 042K. H250. H258
Newcastle: 042K. K240. K248
Oxford: 002H. 002K
Wales: 002K. K200
Wolverhampton: KN28
Anglia (HE): 002K. K200
South Glamorgan (HE): 242K

Business Administration
Liverpool: N100
London (Central): H120
Newcastle: 071N. N172
Staffordshire: 1N7H. H7N1. H7N8
Sunderland: N120. N400
Wales: 421N
Wolverhampton: 91NN. LN11. N960. [illegible]
Buckingham (HE): N1T9
Anglia (HE): 002K. 003N. 005N. 021N. 221N. 421N. 921N. K200. K472. N140. N150
Dorset (HE): N9N5
Humber (HE): 021N. N120. N140
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: 041M
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 52ND
Luton (HE): N120
Northampton, Nene: Y400
Bangor, Normal: N150
South Glamorgan (HE): 051N
Southampton (HE): 004N. 124N. 205Y
London (South West): 421N. N425
Thames Valley (HE): 421N
West Glamorgan (HE): 421N

Business Information Tech
Birmingham: 105G. G560. G561. H1R2. PP12
Brighton: 105G. G100. G534
Bristol: 265G. G562
Huddersfield: 065G. G560. GN51
Kingston: G562
Lancashire: 265G. G561
Leeds: 265G. G561. N140
Liverpool: G562. N100
London (Thames): G500. G932
Manchester: 265G
Newcastle: 265G. G562
London (East): 105G. G501
Staffordshire: G532. HN71
Sheffield: G562. G564
Sunderland: G523. G5R1. G5R2
Teesside: 265G. G562
Wolverhampton: 265G. N960. NT19
Buckingham (HE): 265G
Derby (HE): 105G. N120
Dorset (HE): 265G. G500. N400
Humber (HE): 021N
Luton (HE): 265G
North Cheshire Coll: NP14. YN51
North East Wales (HE): 265G
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400
Southampton (HE): 205Y. G560
London (South West): 421N. N425
Thames Valley (HE): 265G

Business Law
Huddersfield: M340
London (East): N120
Dorset (HE): M340

Business Studies
Bristol: 003N. 005N. 013F. 047N. 465G. H110. H118. H640. K200. K472. N120
Coventry: H780. N150
Hatfield: 021N. 1N9G. GN42. GN54. N120. N140. Y100
Huddersfield: GN51. M340
Lancashire: 99NT. Y400
Leeds: 265G
Leicester: 421N. F1N1. F3N1. N120. N1H7. Y400
Liverpool: N100. N1R2. N1R4. N1T4
London (Central): 021N. 265G. N900
London (City): 421N. N120
London (North): 029M. 421N. F162. G5N1. H6N1. N120. N400. N740
London (South Bank): 421N. H811. N120
London (Thames): 421N. N120. NR52. NR54
Middlesex: G1N1
Newcastle: 011N. 029N. 071N. 265G. 43NN. 91WN. G400. G562. H780. H788. N1T9
London (East): 021N. N120. Y400
Staffordshire: 421N. G532. N120
South West: 421N. Y401. Y403
Sheffield: N611
Sunderland: 021N. 205Y. N120. N141. N400
Teesside: 021N. 265G. GN41. N120. N131
Trent: 021N
Wales: 421N. N420
Wolverhampton: 91NN. LN11. N120. NT19
Bolton (HE): 021N
Buckingham (HE): 012N. 021N. 147N. 265G. 91TN. G569. J500. J501. N1R1. N1R2. N1R3. N1R4. N1T9. NT19
Anglia (HE): 003N. 005N. 021N. 029M. N120. N140
Derby (HE): 021N. N120
Dorset (HE): 009M. 265G. 421N. N120. N300. N720. N740. N9N5
Ealing (HE): 021N. 029M. 205Y. 265G. N120. W253
Humber (HE): 021N. D4N1. G561. N120. N141. N142. N170. N1R1. N1R2. N1R4. N1T2. Y400. Y402
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: 041M. N122
Canterbury, Christ Church: GN11. GN1C. GN51. GN5C. LN81. MN91. NP14. NQ13. NW11. NX13
Crewe & Alsager (HE): 421N
Gloucester, Arts & Tech: 421N
Gwent (HE): 421N
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 024D. 52ND. DN25
London (Institute): 255N
Luton (HE): 265G. G5N1. N120
Northampton, Nene: 421N. N120
North East Wales (HE): 021N
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: G1N1. GN51. N1G1. N1G5. N1GN. N1N1. N1N3. N1T9. N1Y5. N5N1. NN1C. Y5N1
Salford Tech: N120
South Glamorgan (HE): 047N. 051N
Southampton (HE): 004N. 124N. N120
London (South West): 421N. N425
Thames Valley (HE): 265G. 421N
Watford Coll: 421N
West Glamorgan (HE): N120
London (West, HE): F6N1. F9N1. L6N1. NV11. Q3N1. Q4N1. V8N1. W3N1. W4N1. X2N1

Caribbean Studies
London (North): RV19. RV29

Cartography
Hatfield: 362H
London (East): 462H. H264
Oxford: CF18. DF48. FF18. FF38. FF68. FFH8. FG81. FG84. FG85. FH86. FL88. FN87. FQ83. FV81. FV84. FX83
South West: Y401
Luton (HE): 068L. F850. F8F6. F8G5. G5F8

Ceramics
London (Thames): F200. Y100
Staffordshire: 023J. FJ13. FJ33. FJ36. GJ34. GJ35. HJ36. JL38

Chemical Engineering
Huddersfield: 001F. F110
London (North): J440
London (South Bank): 008H. 124D. H811
Newcastle: F110. F118
Teesside: 008H. H800
Wales: 008H. CJ18. H800. HN81. K200
Humber (HE): F100. H800

Chemistry
Brighton: Y100
Bristol: 049B. F110. NY11
Coventry: 011F. F110
Hatfield: 001F. F110. Y100
Huddersfield: 001F. F110
Kingston: 001F. F110. F1H6. F1N1. F1R2
Lancashire: 001F. C700. F100. F110. F199. Y400
Leicester: 001F. F110. F1N1. Y400
Liverpool: C710. CC57. CF71. F110. F160. F180. F1C7
London (North): 001F. CF11. F100. F162. FF13. FJ14
London (South Bank): 124D. F9G5. F9GM
London (Thames): 001F. B300. C700. F100. F110. F670. Y100. Y120
Manchester: 001F. F100. FH16. FW12
Newcastle: F110. F118
Staffordshire: 001F. CF11. F110. FF13. FF16. FF19. FG14. FG15. FH16. FJ13. FL18
Oxford: CF11. CF13. DF41. DF43. FF13. FF16. FF18. FF1H. FFH3. FG11. FG14. FG15. FG31. FG34. FG36. FH16. FH36. FL18. FL38. FN17. FN37. FQ13. FQ33. FV11. FV14. FV31. FV34. FX11. FX13. FX31. FX33
South West: F910. Y108. Y400. Y401
Portsmouth: 5G1F. F110. FF13. FF16. FF18. FG11. FG14. FG15. Y108
Sheffield: 001F. F110
Sunderland: BF11. CF11. FB13. FF13. FF16. FG11. FG15. FL11
Teesside: 001F
Trent: 001F. CF11. F110. FF13. FG11. FG15
Wales: 001F. 008H. CF11. FF13. FF16. FF19. H800
Wolverhampton: F100. F1G5. Y100
Buckingham (HE): J500. J501
Anglia (HE): CF11. FF16
Humber (HE): 169F. F100. H800
Canterbury, Christ Church: GY1C. GY5C. LY8C. MY91. MY9C. PY41. PY4C. QY31. QY3C. WY11. WY1C. XY31. XY3C
North East Wales (HE): 001F. F100. FG15
Salford Tech: 001F. F100

Childhood Studies
Bath (HE): Y400

Chinese
London (Central): T3Q3. T3R1. T3R2. T3R3. T3R4. T3R8

Chiropody
Birmingham: B983
Brighton: B983
South West: B983
Sunderland: B983
Northampton, Nene: B983
Salford Tech: B983

Civil Engineering
Brighton: H108. H200
Coventry: 062K. H200. H266
Hatfield: 002H. H200. H208
Kingston: 002H. H200
Leeds: 002H
Liverpool: 002H. H108. H200
London (Central): H108. H200
London (South Bank): 002H. H200. H208
London (Thames): 002H. F612. H200
Middlesex: H108. H200. H208. KN21
London (East): 002H. H200
Oxford: 002H. H200
South West: 002H. H108. H200
Portsmouth: 002H. H200. H208
Sheffield: 002H. H200
Sunderland: H201
Teesside: 002H. H200
Trent: 002H. H200. H208
Wales: 002H. H200
Wolverhampton: 002H. HN28
Bolton (HE): 002H. H200
Anglia (HE): 002K
Humber (HE): K100
North East Wales (HE): 002H
South Glamorgan (HE): 242K
Southampton (HE): 002K

Classical Civilisation
London (North): QR81. QR82

Clothing Engineering
Huddersfield: J461
London (Institute): 122W. W221

Clothing Studies
Leeds: N750
London (South Bank): N980
Manchester: 074J
Staffordshire: G5RG
Trent: 164J. JW42
London (Institute): 122W. W221

Cognitive Science
London (Central): C980
Teesside: L700

Combined Studies (Arts)
Hatfield: Y302
Huddersfield: P300
Lancashire: Y400
Leicester: Y399. Y400
Liverpool: BK94
London (North): QR81. QR82. R100. RR12. RR14. RR24. RV17. RV19. RV27. RV29. T200. V100
Staffordshire: Y400
South West: Y404
Sunderland: LV38. LV78. LV88. MV18. QV38. RV18. RV28. VV18. VV78
Teesside: Y301
Derby (HE): Y300
Dorset (HE): GP53
Humber (HE): Y400
London (Institute): W299
North East Wales (HE): QV31
West Glamorgan (HE): Y300

Combined Studies (Sciences)
Coventry: Y100
Hatfield: Y100
Kingston: F920. F970
Lancashire: Y400
Leicester: Y400
Liverpool: BK94. FN98
London (North): 001F. 009G. 011C. B4C1. BC41. CF11. FF13. FF69. FG31. FG36. FJ14. G5N1. GG14. GG15. L800
London (South Bank): B971
London (Thames): Y100
Manchester: FF23. FG25. FG31. FG36. FH16. FH26. FH27. FH36. FH37. FT19. FT29. FT32. FW12. FW32. GH16. GH17. GH57. GT19. GT82. GW52. HH67. HT79. HW62. HW72. TT29. TW92
Staffordshire: CF11. CF13. CF16. CF19. CG14. CG15. CH16. CL18. F110. FF13. FF16. FF19. FF63. FG14. FG18. FG34. FG53. FG56. FG64. FH16. FH63. FH66. FJ13. FJ33. FJ36. FL18. FL38. FL61. GG54. GH56. GJ34. GJ35. GL58. HJ36. HL68. JL38
South West: Y400
Sunderland: BC11. BC18. BF11. BF13. BG15. BL11. CC18. CF11. CF16. CF83. CF86. CG11. CG15. CG81. CG85. CL81. FF13. FF16. FF36. FG11. FG15. FG31. FG35. FG65. FL11. FL61. GG15. GL11. GL51
Trent: CF11. CF13. CG11. CG15. F110. FF13. FG11. FG15. FG31. FG35
Wales: CF11. CF13. CF19. FC61. FF13. FF16. FF19. FF36. FF39. FF69
Wolverhampton: Y100
Derby (HE): CL18
Dorset (HE): GP53
Humber (HE): Y400
Luton (HE): 5G6F. C1F9. F6F9. F6G5. F850. F8F6

Combined Studies (Social Sci)
Hatfield: L322
Lancashire: Y400
Leicester: Y400
Liverpool: BK94
London (North): B990. L402. L510. PP23
London (South Bank): L322
Staffordshire: Y400
South West: Y400
Sunderland: L322
Teesside: L300
Humber (HE): Y300. Y400
North East Wales (HE): F910
West Glamorgan (HE): Y300

Communication Engineering
Birmingham: H610
Coventry: H620
Huddersfield: 66HG. H620. H628
Leeds: H620
Liverpool: 226H
London (Central): H600
London (North): 026H. H620
London (South Bank): 085H. H580. H588. H600. H608. H610. H618
London (Thames): H580. H620
Manchester: 085H. H580
Newcastle: 085H. H580. H588. H620. H628
Staffordshire: 035G. 065G. 116H. 306H. 865G. 885H. G530. G560. G568. H600
South West: 026H. H108. H620
Sunderland: 085H. H580. H611
Teesside: 116H. H600. H611
Anglia (HE): 026H. 035G. H610. H621. J900
Humber (HE): 025H
Luton (HE): 026H
South Glamorgan (HE): 026H
Southampton (HE): 026H. 056H. 116H

Communication/Communication St
Leicester: G560. P400. Y400
London (North): N700. PP23
London (Thames): 421N
Sunderland: G560. H250. H7N1
Teesside: N131
Buckingham (HE): 147N
Dorset (HE): GP53. N920. P300
Humber (HE): P400
Luton (HE): 026H
Bangor, Normal: P300

Community Studies
Dorset (HE): B991
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: L521. N753
Canterbury, Christ Church: GX13. GX1H. LX8H. MX93. NX13. QX33. VX13. VX83. WX13. WX33. WX43. XY31. XY3C

Computer Aided Engineering
Birmingham: 73HH. H100. H1R2
Bristol: 086Y. 886Y. H110. H118
Coventry: H100
Hatfield: H300. H400. H780
Huddersfield: H110. H118
Lancashire: 011H
Leicester: H100
Liverpool: H110
London (Central): H108. H600. H640
London (South Bank): 005G. 011H. 085H. H100. H108. H300. H308. H580. H588. H600. H608. H610. H618. H800. H808
London (Thames): 003H. 085H. H110. H300. H580. H600
Manchester: 73HH. H300
Middlesex: 73HH. H600. H6H7. HN61
Newcastle: H780. H788
London (East): 001H. H781. H7N1
Staffordshire: 011H. 1N7H. 811H. H110. H118. H7N1
South West: H108. H300
Sheffield: 161H. H161. H168. H660
Sunderland: G560. HR32
Teesside: 001H. H300. H611
Wales: 011H. H800
Wolverhampton: GW52
Bolton (HE): 001H
Buckingham (HE): 001H. 065G. C569
Anglia (HE): 016H. 026H. J900
Humber (HE): 011H. H100
Gwent (HE): 011H. 73HH
Luton (HE): 001H
North East Wales (HE): 161H
Salford Tech: 001H. H100
South Glamorgan (HE): 006H. 996H
Southampton (HE): 087H
Thames Valley (HE): 032W
West Glamorgan (HE): 116H. H610

Computer Science/Studies
Birmingham: 066H. 105G. G561. H610
Brighton: 105G. 116H. 205G. G501. G534. Y100
Bristol: 009G. 011C. G532. G534. H420. RRCF. RRCK. RRFK
Coventry: 009G. 105G. G500
Hatfield: 005G. 105G. G500. Y100
Huddersfield: 065G. G560. GN51
Kingston: 003F. F1H6. F3H6. G500. G561
Lancashire: 205G. Y400
Leeds: 065G
Leicester: 105G. G500. H610. Y400
Liverpool: 105G. G501. GG45
London (Central): 001H. 005G. G500. G530. H611
London (City): GC58. Y400
London (North): 026H. FG35. G560. G5N1. GG14. GG15. GG45. H620. H6N1
London (South Bank): 105G. F9G5. F9GM. G501. G508
London (Thames): 009G. 065G. 105G. G500. G502. G5G1. G900. Y100
Manchester: 006G. 105G. F200. FG25. FG35. G510. GH57. GT52. GW52
Middlesex: 105G
Newcastle: 265G. G501. G508
London (East): 105G. G440. G501. Y120
Staffordshire: 035G. 105G. CG15. FG18. FG53. FG56. G500. G530. G532. G561. G5R1. G5R2. G5RC. G5RD. G5RF. G5RG. GG54. GH56. GJ35. GL58. HN71
Oxford: 105G. CG15. DG45. FG15. FG35. FG65. FG85. FGH5. G501. GG15. GG45. GH56. GL58. GN57. GQ53. GV51. GV54. GX53
South West: 105G. GP52. Y401
Portsmouth: 009G. 105G. FG15. FG35. FG55. FG85. CG15. GG45. Y108
Sheffield: 009G. 105G. G501. G562. G564. G5G1
Sunderland: 105G. BG15. CG15. CG85. FG15. FG35. FG65. G523. G5R1. G5R2. GG15. GL51. H611
Teesside: 005G. 065G. G500. G530. G560
Trent: 105G. CG15. FG15. FG35. G500. G508. GG15
Wales: 009G. 105G. G500. G501. G560. GG15. H800
Wolverhampton: 105G. F1G5. G501. Y100
Bolton (HE): 105G. GG15. GM59. GQ53. GV51. GV54. GV57. GV5C. GW59
Buckingham (HE): 065G
Derby (HE): 105G
Dorset (HE): G500
Humber (HE): 105G
Canterbury, Christ Church: GG1M. GL5V. GM59. GM5X. GN51. GN5C. GQ53. GQ5H. GV51. GV58. GV5C. GV5V. GW51. GW53. GW54. GW5C. GW5H. GW5K
Gloucester, Arts & Tech: 105G
Gwent (HE): 105G
Luton (HE): 068L. 105G. 5G1C. 5G6F. C1G5. F6G5. F8G5. G5F8. G5N1
Northampton, Nene: Y400
North East Wales (HE): 105G. G500
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: G1G5. G5G1. G5G5. G5GM. G5GN. G5NC. G5TY. GG1N. GG5M. GG5N. GN5C. N1GM
South Glamorgan (HE): 105G
Southampton (HE): 105G
Thames Valley (HE): 105G
Watford Coll: 016H
West Glamorgan (HE): 105G
London (West, HE): 105G. F9G5. GY55. L8G5. Q3G5. Q4G5. V8G5. W3G5. W4G5. X2G5
Worcester (HE): Y600

Computer Technology
Birmingham: H100. H108. H600. H610
Brighton: G501
Bristol: 002K. 013F. 105G. 265G. F110. G562. H640
Coventry: 016H
Hatfield: Y100
Leicester: G560
Liverpool: 105G. G501. GG45
London (Central): H108. H611. H640
London (South Bank): 011H. 085H. H610. H618
London (Thames): 065G. H580. H600. H620
Middlesex: 105G
Newcastle: H611. H618
London (East): 105G. G501
Staffordshire: 065G. 105G. 116H. 865G. 885H. G500. G560. G568. G5RC. G5RD. G5RF. G5RG. H161. HN71
South West: Y401
Sheffield: 065G. H611
Sunderland: H611
Teesside: 116H. H611
Wales: 011H. 105G. G500. G501
Wolverhampton: Y100
Buckingham (HE): G569
Anglia (HE): 016H. 026H. 035G. 105G. 73HH. H610
Humber (HE): 105G
Luton (HE): 085H. 105G. 116H. 73HH. G5F8
Northampton, Nene: 105G. Y400
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: G1GM. G5G5. G5GD. G5GM. G5TX. GG1M. GG5M. GGMN
South Glamorgan (HE): 116H
Southampton (HE): 116H
West Glamorgan (HE): H610

Computing in Business
Birmingham: G561
Coventry: 105G
Lancashire: G561. Y400
Leeds: G561
Leicester: G561. Y400
Liverpool: N100
London (Thames): 105G. 421N. G500. N400
Middlesex: 105G
Sunderland: G523. G5R1. G5R2
Teesside: 4G1N. G500. G562. GN41
Wales: 105G. 19TN. 421N
Anglia (HE): 021N. 105G. N150
Derby (HE): 105G
Dorset (HE): 265G. G561. N400
Ealing (HE): L100
Luton (HE): 265G
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: G5NC. G5T9. GN5C. GNNC. N1GM. N1GN. N1N1. N1NH. N3NC. NN1C. NNC3
South Glamorgan (HE): 105G
Southampton (HE): 105G. G560
Thames Valley (HE): 265G
West Glamorgan (HE): N120

Conservation
Lancashire: F910. Y400
Liverpool: C910. FN98
London (City): Y400
London (Thames): C160. F911. K260. K300. Y100
Newcastle: K260
South West: Y401
Wales: F900
Anglia (HE): D900
Derby (HE): CL18. CW12
Dorset (HE): F932
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: D955
London (Institute): 612W
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y502
Writtle Agricultural Coll: 824D

Consumer Studies
Liverpool: N980
London (South Bank): N980
London (Thames): B900

Contemporary Studies
Bristol: RR12. RR14. RR24
Hatfield: Y302
London (North): L402. R100
London (East): L610
Humber (HE): T200

Control Eng, Instrum and Syst
Birmingham: H100
Coventry: 016H. H640
Huddersfield: 046H. H660. H668. H751. H758
London (Central): H108. H640
London (South Bank): 011H. H580. H588. H600. H608. H610. H618. H800. H808
London (Thames): 003H. 085H. H110. H300. H580
Manchester: H300
Middlesex: 73HH
London (East): H580
Staffordshire: 011H. 1N7H. 73HH. 7HHH. 811H. 885H. H110. H118. H300. H308. H500. H508. H580. H588. H7N1
South West: H580
Sheffield: 085H. 116H. H660. H668
Teesside: 116H. F999. H640
Wales: 011H. H300
Buckingham (HE): G569
Anglia (HE): 006H. 73HH
Derby (HE): 085H
Dorset (HE): H600
Gwent (HE): 085H. H642
Luton (HE): 086H
South Glamorgan (HE): 996H
Southampton (HE): 116H

Countryside Management
Hatfield: D900
Liverpool: FN98
London (South Bank): K440
London (Thames): K300
Middlesex: F900
Gloucester, Arts & Tech: D955
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: D955
Southampton (HE): 205Y
Welsh Agricultural Coll: 118N
Writtle Agricultural Coll: 824D

Crop Science
Liverpool: D420
London (Thames): 009D
Wolverhampton: C120. Y100

Cultural Studies
Leicester: P400
London (Thames): L300. V800. Y100
London (East): L610. Y400
Portsmouth: L610
Gwent (HE): L610
London (Institute): W299
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400. Y502
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: L8L6. LL68. LM62. LM69. LV68. LW62. LW64. V8L6
West Sussex (HE): Y3W1. Y3W3

Dance
Leicester: W901
Bedford (HE): Y400
Crewe & Alsager (HE): W430
West Sussex (HE): V1W4. V8W4

Data Processing
Birmingham: 105G. G561
Brighton: 105G. G534
Bristol: 265G. G562
Coventry: 105G
London (South Bank): F9G5. F9GM
London (Thames): 105G. G411
Middlesex: 105G
Newcastle: 265G. G400
London (East): 105G
Staffordshire: 035G. 105G. G500. G530. G561. G5R1. G5R2. G5RC. G5RD. G5RF. G5RG
South West: 105G. GP52
Sheffield: 106G. G501
Sunderland: 105G. BG15. G523
Teesside: 005G. G500. G530
Wales: 105G. G500. G501
Derby (HE): 105G
Dorset (HE): 265G
Luton (HE): 026H. 085H. 105G. 116H
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400
Southampton (HE): 105G
Thames Valley (HE): 105G. 265G
West Glamorgan (HE): 105G

Dental Technology
Manchester: 204A

Drama
Bedford (HE): Y400
Winchester, King Alfred's: V1W4
Northampton, Nene: Y400
London (West, HE): FW64. FWP4. LW84. QW34. QW44. VW14. VW84. W4C5. W4N1. WW34. WY45

Earth Science
Liverpool: FN98
London (Thames): F612. F920. F925. Y100
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F6F9. F8F9. G1F9. L8F9. Y5F9
London (West, HE): F9G5. F9N1. FQP3. FV98. FVP1. FWP3. FWP4. FXP2. FY95
Worcester (HE): Y600

Ecology
Kingston: F920. F970
Leicester: F910
Liverpool: C910. D420
London (Central): C980
London (City): Y400
London (North): F900
London (South Bank): 011C
London (Thames): C110. C160. F911. Y100
London (East): C910. Y120
South West: Y401
Sunderland: C110
Wales: CF11. CF19. F900. FC61. FF19. FF39. FF69
Wolverhampton: C120. Y100
Derby (HE): CL18. CW12
Bedford (HE): Y400
Luton (HE): 5G1C. C1F9. C1G5
Northampton, Nene: Y400
Worcester (HE): Y600

Economic History
Bristol: L322

Economics
Bristol: 105G. G532. K200. L322. L3G5. M300. N300. N800
Coventry: L100
Hatfield: L100. N140. Y100
Kingston: L100. MR91. MR92. MR94
Leeds: L100
Leicester: L100. Y400
London (City): L100. LN13. Y400
London (North): N120. N740
London (South Bank): L322. N800. RR12. RR14. RR24. T200
London (Thames): K260. L114. N400
Middlesex: L147. LL18
London (East): L100. N420
South West: Y400. Y401
Portsmouth: LL18
Sunderland: BL11. CL81. FL11. FL61. GL11. GL51. L100
Wales: 041M. M140. N800
Wolverhampton: L100. LN11. Y100
Anglia (HE): K472. LL13. LL18. LQ13. LR11. LR14. LV11. LV14. N150
Derby (HE): 021N
Ealing (HE): L100. N400
Humber (HE): L322. N120. N420. T299
Northampton, Nene: Y400
London (South West): N422
Thames Valley (HE): 421N
West Glamorgan (HE): N120. Y300
Worcester (HE): Y600

Education (Not Itt)
London (East): J990. Y400
Oxford: CX13. DX43. FX13. FX33. FX63. FX83. FXH3. GX13. GX43. GX53. HX63. LX83. NX73. QX33. VX13. VX43
South West: Y404
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: Y400
Canterbury, Christ Church: GX13. GX1H. LX8H. MX93. NX13. QX33. VX13. VX83. WX13. WX33. WX43. XY31. XY3C
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F6X3. F8X3. FX63. FX83. G1X3. GX13. GX53. L8X3. LX83. MX93. V8X3. VX83. WX23. WX43
London (South West): N422
West Sussex (HE): L8X3. V1X3. V8X3

Education (Teacher Training)
London (South Bank): H770. H778. N750
Oxford: CX11. DX41. FX11. FX31. FX61. FXH1. GX11. GX41. HX61. LX81. QX31. VX11
Oxford, Westminster: F900. G100. L800. Q300. R100. V100. V820

Electrical Engineering
Birmingham: 066H. H600
Brighton: H108. H580
Coventry: 085H. H580
Hatfield: 006H. H580. H588
Huddersfield: 085H. H580. H588
Kingston: 006H. H603
Lancashire: H600
Leeds: 085H
Liverpool: 006H. 085H. 226H. H100. H108. H580
London (North): 026H. H620
London (South Bank): H580. H588
London (Thames): H580
Manchester: 085H. H580
Newcastle: H580. H588. K240. K248
London (East): 085H. H580
Staffordshire: 306H. 885H. H500. H508. H580. H588. H600
South West: 085H. H580
Portsmouth: 085H. H580. H588
Sheffield: 085H. 116H. H100. H660. H668
Sunderland: 021H. 085H. H110. H580
Teesside: H600. H640
Trent: H580. H588
Wales: 085H. H580
Bolton (HE): 085H
Anglia (HE): 006H
Derby (HE): 085H
Humber (HE): 085H
Gwent (HE): 085H
North East Wales (HE): 085H. H580
Southampton (HE): 116H

Electronic Engineering
Birmingham: 066H. H600
Brighton: 006H. 116H. H108. H580
Bristol: 086Y. 886Y
Coventry: 085H. H580
Hatfield: 006H. H580. Y100
Huddersfield: 085H. 65HG. GH56. GH5P. H580. H588. H600. H608. H620. H628
Kingston: 006H. H603
Lancashire: 006H. H108. H600
Leeds: 085H. H620
Leicester: 006H. H600
Liverpool: 006H. 085H. 226H. G562. H100. H108. H580
London (Central): H108. H600
London (North): 026H. H620
London (South Bank): 085H. H100. H108. H580. H588. H600. H608. H610. H618
London (Thames): 085H. H580. H600. Y100
Manchester: 085H. H580
Middlesex: 006H. H108. H600. H608. H6H7. HN61
Newcastle: 085H. H580. H588. H611. H618. H620. H628. H692. H698
London (East): 085H. H580
Staffordshire: 116H. 306H. 885H. H500. H508. H580. H588. H600. H608
Oxford: 001H. H100
South West: 026H. 085H. H108. H580. H603. H620
Portsmouth: 085H. H580. H588
Sheffield: 065G. 085H. 116H. H611. H660. H668
Sunderland: 086H. H580. H611
Teesside: 065G. F999. H640
Trent: H580. H588
Wales: 085H. G560. H580
Bolton (HE): 085H. H600
Anglia (HE): J900
Derby (HE): 085H
Dorset (HE): H600
Humber (HE): 025H. 085H. H100
Gwent (HE): 085H. H642
Luton (HE): 026H. 085H
North East Wales (HE): 006H. 085H. H580
Salford Tech: 116H
South Glamorgan (HE): 006H. 116H
Southampton (HE): 026H. 116H
Thames Valley (HE): 085H
West Glamorgan (HE): 016H. 116H

Electronics
Birmingham: 066H. H600
Brighton: 006H. 116H
Bristol: G534. H660. H668
Hatfield: 006H. H580. Y100
Kingston: 003F. 006H. H603
Lancashire: Y400
Leicester: 006H. 013F. 065G
London (Central): H611
London (South Bank): F9G5. F9GM
London (Thames): 085H. H600. Y100
Newcastle: FH36. FH3T
Staffordshire: 065G. 116H. 865G. 885H. CH16. FH16. FH63. FH66. G560. G568. GH56. GH64. H500. H508. H580. H588. HJ36. HL68
Sheffield: 065G. 863F. H611
Teesside: 116H. G500. G560. H600. H611
Wales: 085H. FF13. FF36. FF39. H580
Wolverhampton: Y100
Buckingham (HE): 065G
Dorset (HE): H120. H600
Luton (HE): 085H. 116H
Salford Tech: H611
South Glamorgan (HE): 006H. 116H
Southampton (HE): 056H
West Glamorgan (HE): H610

Energy Studies
Brighton: Y100
Kingston: F970
London (South Bank): 008H. H800. H808
Newcastle: 042K. K240. K248
Wales: FF19. FF39. FF69. HN81

Engineering
Birmingham: 73HH. H100. H600
Brighton: N1J9
Bristol: 086Y. 886Y. H660. H668
Coventry: 003H. 007H. 009J. 016H. H100. H1N1. H300. H400. H580. H610. H620. H640. H700. H770. H780. J900
Hatfield: H208. H300. H308. H400. H408. H588. H788
Huddersfield: H108
Kingston: 002H. 006H. 011H. H200. H300. H400. H603. H780
Lancashire: 006H. 011H. H108
Leeds: 085H. 73HH. H620. H780
Leicester: H100
Liverpool: 002H. 006H. 085H. 226H. 73HH. H100. H108. H200. H300. H350. H580. H782. HH37. HN71
London (Central): 001H. H108. H200. H600. H640. K236
London (South Bank): 005G. 008H. 011H. 085H. H250. H258. H300. H308. H580. H588. H600. H608. H770. H778
London (Thames): F612. H300
Manchester: 085H. H100
Middlesex: H200. H608
Newcastle: 003H. H300. H308. J800. J808
London (East): H108. Y410. Y420
Staffordshire: 011H. 1N7H. 73HH. 7HHH. 811H. 885H. H110. H118. H161. H300. H308. H500. H508. H580. H588. H600. H7N1
Oxford: 001H. H100
South West: 73HH. H108. H300. H390. H680. H603. H611. H620. H782. Y401
Portsmouth: 002H. 085H. 73HH. F612. H100. H108. H1N1. H1NC. H200. H208. H300. H308. H580. H588. H700. H708
Sheffield: 161H. 73HH. F398. F399. H100. H120. H128. H168. H392. H398. H668. J500. J508
Sunderland: 005J. 021H. 085H. 73HH. H110. H201. H300. H780. J500
Teesside: 002H. 008H. 093H. H108. H200. H300. H800
Trent: 003H. 007H. H100. H300. H700
Wales: 001H. 002H. 008H. 011H. 085H. 293H. H200. H580. H800
Wolverhampton: Y100
Anglia (HE): 035G. H610. H621. J900
Dorset (HE): H120
Humber (HE): 011H. 025H. 077H. 085H. 487H. H100. Y400
Camborne Schl: 041J. J100. J140
Gloucester, Arts & Tech: 003H
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 033H. H330
Northampton, Nene: 001H
North East Wales (HE): 002H. 004H. 005J. 006H. 085H. 161H. H580. H780
South Glamorgan (HE): 007H. 018H
Southampton (HE): 006J. 053H. 087H. H120. J610
West Glamorgan (HE): 001H

Engineering Physics
Birmingham: H108
Newcastle: H692. H698
Sheffield: F398. F399

Engineering Product Design
Brighton: H300
Coventry: 009J. H770. J900
Hatfield: H300. H400
Lancashire: 011H
Leicester: H100. N1H7
London (South Bank): H770. H778
London (Thames): H110
Middlesex: 006H. 73HH. H600. H6H7
London (East): 001H
Sheffield: 161H. H161. H168
Sunderland: HN71
Wales: 001H
Wolverhampton: GW52
Buckingham (HE): 001H
Dorset (HE): H120. W230
Humber (HE): 077H. H100
Luton (HE): 001H
South Glamorgan (HE): 006H. 007H
Thames Valley (HE): 032W

Engineering Systems
Bristol: H420. H660. H668
Coventry: H400. H780
Hatfield: H780
Huddersfield: 046H. H660. H668. H751. H758
Leicester: H100
Liverpool: H100. H108
London (Central): H640
London (South Bank): 011H. H100. H108. H300. H308
Middlesex: H600
Staffordshire: 011H. 116H. 306H. 73HH. 7HHH. 811H. 885H. H110. H118. H300. H308
South West: H611. H782
Portsmouth: H1N1. H1NC
Sheffield: H660. H668
Teesside: H640
Wales: 001H
Buckingham (HE): G569
Anglia (HE): 006H. 016H. 026H. 035G. 73HH. H610
Derby (HE): 085H
Dorset (HE): H600
Salford Tech: 082W
West Glamorgan (HE): H610

Engineering with Business St
Bristol: H420. H660. H668
Hatfield: H780
Huddersfield: N500
Leicester: N1H7
London (Thames): 002H. H200. J299. KN21. Y100
Middlesex: H108. H6H7. H799. HN31. HN61. KN21
London (East): H781. H7N1
Staffordshire: 1N7H. H7N1
Sheffield: H120. H128
Sunderland: JN91
Wales: HN81
Wolverhampton: HN28. N930
Buckingham (HE): 265G
Dorset (HE): H120
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 033H. H330
Southampton (HE): H120

Engineering with Modern Lang
Middlesex: 006H. H300. H308. H799. HN31
London (East): H580. H781
Sunderland: HR32
Buckingham (HE): 001H

English as a Foreign Language
Ealing (HE): QR31. QR32. QR34. QR36. QR38
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400

English or Literary Studies
Hatfield: Y302
Leicester: Y301
London (Central): QR31. QR32. QR33. QR34. QR38. QT36. T3Q3
London (Thames): Y301
Middlesex: Q203
London (East): L610. Y400
Staffordshire: QV31
Oxford: CQ13. DQ43. FQ13. FQ33. FQ83. FQH3. GQ13. GQ53. HQ63. QX31. QX33
Portsmouth: Q300. Q3R1
Sunderland: QV38
Teesside: Y301
Bolton (HE): CQ13. GQ53. MQ93. QV1C. QV31. QV34. QV37. QW39
Anglia (HE): LQ13. Q300. QL33. QR34. QV31. QV34. QV37
Ealing (HE): Y301
Humber (HE): Y301. Y402
Bath (HE): Y100. Y400
Bedford (HE): Y400
Canterbury, Christ Church: CQ53. GQ5H. NQ13. QV31. QV38. QW31. QW33. QW34. QX33. QY31. QY3C
Gwent (HE): L610
North East Wales (HE): QV31
Carmarthen, Trinity: Y320
West Glamorgan (HE): Y300
London (West, HE): FQ63. FQP3. LQ83. Q3G5. Q3N1. QQ34. QV31. QV38. QW33. QW34. QX32. QY35
Oxford, Westminster: Q300
West Sussex (HE): L8Q3. V1Q3. V8Q3

Environmental Biology
Leicester: F910
Liverpool: C110. C910
London (Central): C980
London (City): Y400
London (South Bank): J801. J808
London (Thames): C160
South West: F910. Y400
Sunderland: 011C. C110. C160
Wales: CF19. F900
Derby (HE): CL18
Humber (HE): Y300
Bath (HE): Y100. Y400
Luton (HE): C1F9. C1G5
Northampton, Nene: Y400

Environmental Engineering
Bristol: K200
Hatfield: 002H. H200
London (South Bank): 042K. B971. H250. H258
Middlesex: F900
Newcastle: 042K. K240. K248
London (East): 002H. H200
Sheffield: 052H. H999
South Glamorgan (HE): 242K

Environmental Management
Lancashire: F910. Y400
London (Thames): C160. F925
Manchester: F910
London (East): F910
Sheffield: 052H. H999

Environmental Science/Studies
Bristol: 002K. K401. Y301
Coventry: K420. Y100
Hatfield: Y302
Lancashire: F910. Y400
Leicester: F910
Liverpool: FN98
London (Central): C980
London (North): F900
London (South Bank): B971
London (Thames): B900. F612. F670. F911. F920. F925. Y100
Manchester: F910
Middlesex: F900
Newcastle: K200. K208
London (East): F910. N800
Staffordshire: CF19. FF19
South West: F800. F910. Y108. Y401
Sheffield: 052H. 991J. H999
Sunderland: C160. H260
Teesside: H800. J800
Wales: CF19. F900. FF19
Wolverhampton: F900. Y100
Buckingham (HE): 002K. J500. J501
Derby (HE): CL18
Dorset (HE): F932. N740
Humber (HE): Y300
Bedford (HE): Y400
Crewe & Alsager (HE): F910
Gwent (HE): F910
Winchester, King Alfred's: L502
Luton (HE): F8F6. F8G5
Northampton, Nene: Y400
Bangor, Normal: F910
North East Wales (HE): F910
South Glamorgan (HE): B900
Southampton (HE): 205Y
Oxford, Westminster: F900
West Sussex (HE): L8Q3. L8V1. L8V8. L8X3. LV88
Worcester (HE): F910. Y600

Estate Management
Bristol: N800
Leicester: 008N
London (Central): K472. N800
London (South Bank): N800
Newcastle: 053K
Staffordshire: N830
Sheffield: 053K. N800
Trent: 84NK. K460
Wales: N800
Anglia (HE): D900
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: D955
Luton (HE): 008N
North East Wales (HE): 008N
Writtle Agricultural Coll: 824D

European Business
Brighton: N1J9
Coventry: H1N1
Huddersfield: N500
Lancashire: Y400
Leeds: N140. N422
Leicester: G561
London (Thames): NR52. NR54
London (East): N120
Sheffield: G564
Teesside: J800
Wales: 19TN
Wolverhampton: N940
Buckingham (HE): 265G. 91TN. N1R1. N1R2. N1R3. N1R4. NT19
Anglia (HE): 005N. 041N. N140
Derby (HE): 021N. N120
Dorset (HE): N120
Humber (HE): N140. N141. N142. N1R1. N1R2. N1R4
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: 041M. N122
Northampton, Nene: N1R1. N1R2. N1R4
South Glamorgan (HE): N140
West Glamorgan (HE): 9T1N

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THE TIMES DEGREE COURSE VACANCY SERVICE

If at first you don't succeed. . .

John O'Leary explains why you should never give up in the degree course hunt

There are only three days left for those still waiting to hear from a polytechnic or one of the larger colleges of higher education to win a place on a degree course or higher national diploma (HND) without going through the clearing process.

The real scramble begins after the bank holiday with tens of thousands of applicants chasing a rapidly diminishing pool of places.

The Friday deadline was introduced last year in response to criticism that higher education hopefuls were being left in unnecessary suspense while admissions staff weighed up their options. Now the Polytechnics Central Admissions Service (PCAS) will assume that any decision outstanding at the end of the week constitutes a rejection and will send out clearing papers to the candidates concerned.

Anyone rejected in the first round of PCAS applications should receive clearing papers automatically by this time next week. The system differs from the university equivalent UCCA, the Universities Central Council on Admissions, because intending students are then left to deal directly with the institution of their choice. Once a suitable vacancy has been identified, applicants approach the polytechnic or college and if they are being considered for a place, they will then be asked for their clearing entry form. The system precludes multiple applications because only one copy of the clearing entry form is in circulation.

There is no limit on the number of times an applicant can go through the process if the result is another rejection, although time is its own regulator as courses continue to fill up. Places can be secured at the third or fourth time of asking if a student seeks out a course where pressure of applications is not so great.

This year such courses may be harder to find than they were in 1989. Because more entrants are arriving via routes other than A-level, a much larger number of unconditional offers was made and it is likely that there will be fewer places in clearing as a result.

More than 21,000 of the 70,000 places expected to be available through PCAS had been offered to students from access courses, holders of awards from the Business and Technician Education Council, other mature students and those who deferred entry last year before the A-level results were announced.

By yesterday 69,000 firm offers had been made, compared with only 40,000 at the same point last year. Although the addition of 35 colleges to the PCAS network accounts for some of the extra places, there is no doubt that courses are filling up more quickly than in previous years. The number of conditional offers still to be processed is much lower, perhaps reflecting a fear that university expansion will leave some polytechnics and colleges struggling to find well-qualified students.

What nobody knows yet is whether the PCAS estimate of 70,000 vacancies is accurate. Polytechnics and colleges have been steadily increasing student numbers for several years and there is every prospect of the trend continuing. The government incentive of higher fees has had the desired effect of encouraging expansion throughout higher education so, with applications 10 per cent up on last year, there may be more room in clearing than has been predicted so far.

Demand for places is following a similar pattern to recent years, with business and accountancy, law and media studies courses unlikely to feature strongly in clearing. Psychology is another subject in which the pressure on places has been rising, but other sciences are still showing plenty of vacancies and budding engineers should find themselves in a seller's market.

Sound advice from PCAS is not to give up in any subject. Mike Scott, the deputy chief executive, said: "No course is full until it actually rolls, so there is always the possibility of a place for the person who turns up on the day with the right qualifications." Nor is it too late to make an initial application through PCAS, which always experiences a second, smaller rush when the universities' own guillotine on offers comes down early next month.

With more than 50,000 people already rejected by their chosen polytechnic or college and eligible for clearing, there are obvious advantages in an early application once a suitable vacancy can be found.

European Marketing
Huddersfield: N500
Wolverhampton: N940
Dorset (HE): N501
Humber (HE): N141

European Studies
Hatfield: Y302
London (North): T200
London (South Bank): T200
London (Thames): L300
Manchester: FT32, GT32
Middlesex: L147
Sunderland: HR32, N141
Wolverhampton: MT99
Buckingham (HE): G569
Anglia (HE): N140
Derby (HE): Y300
Dorset (HE): H600
Ealing (HE): T200
Humber (HE): 021N, D401, H800, N140, N142, N1R1, N1R2, N1R4, N1T2, T200, T259
Bedford (HE): Y400
South Glamorgan (HE): N140

Fashion
London (Institute): 255N

Film Studies
Leicester: P400
Staffordshire: W520
Canterbury, Christ Church: GP14, GP1K, LP84, NP14, PV41, PV48, PW41, PW43, PW44, PY41, PY4C
West Glamorgan (HE): Y300

Finance
Brighton: N420
Bristol: 265G, G562, H110, H118, K472, N120, N420, NY11
Coventry: L100
Hatfield: 021N, 1N9G, GN54
Leicester: 421N
London (Central): 021N
London (City): LN13, N399
London (North): 421N, N120, N400, N740
London (South Bank): N420
London (Thames): 421N, N400
Newcastle: 43NN
London (East): 021N, N120, N420
Staffordshire: N120
South West: N420
Portsmouth: G1N1
Sheffield: N300, N400
Sunderland: 021N, 205Y, N120
Teesside: N120
Wales: 421N, N420
Wolverhampton: 91NN
Buckingham (HE): 021N
Anglia (HE): 003N, 005N, 421N, N120
Dorset (HE): N300, N400
Ealing (HE): 021N, 029M, 205Y, 265G
Humber (HE): N420
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: 041M
Crewe & Alsager (HE): 421N
Gloucester, Arts & Tech: 421N
Gwent (HE): 421N
Luton (HE): N120
Northampton, Nene: 421N
Salford Tech: 003N
Southampton (HE): 004N, N400
London (South West): 421N, N423
Thames Valley (HE): 421N
Watford Coll: 421N
West Glamorgan (HE): 421N, N120

Financial Services
Bristol: 003N, N300
London (Central): N900
Sheffield: N300
Teesside: 021N
Wales: N420
Anglia (HE): 021N, 421N, N120
Dorset (HE): N300
Luton (HE): N120
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: G1N3, GN53, M3Y5, N1N3, N1NH, N3G1, N3G5, N3N1, N3NC, N3T9, NNC3, Y5N3
London (South West): 421N, N423

Fishery Science
South West: Y401
Humber (HE): N970

Food Marketing Science
Bristol: 124D
London (South Bank): N980
London (Thames): 009D, D900
South West: 124D
Sheffield: N700
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 52ND, DN25

Food Science
Bristol: 124D
Huddersfield: 027N, BN47, N720
Leeds: B411, N750
London (North): 027N, 067N, B4C1, BC41, N700
London (South Bank): 124D, D400, D408
Newcastle: N980, N988
Oxford: BD44, CD14, DF41, DF43, DF46, DF48, DF4H, DG41, DG44, DG45, DH46, DL48, DN47, DQ43, DV41, DV44, DX41, DX43
South West: Y403
Sheffield: N700
Dorset (HE): N721
Humber (HE): 004D, 007N, 124D, D400, D401, D402, D421, D4N1, N700, N970, Y400
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 024D
South Glamorgan (HE): 124D

Food Technology/Manufacture
Bristol: 124D
Huddersfield: BN47
London (North): N700
London (South Bank): 124D, D400, D408, H800, H808
London (Thames): B900
Manchester: 124D, D400
Newcastle: N980, N988
Humber (HE): 007N, 124D, D421
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 024D
South Glamorgan (HE): 124D

Foundation Engineering
Hatfield: H208, H308, H408, H588, H788
Huddersfield: GH5P, H108, H118, H308, H588, H608, H628, H668, H788
Manchester: H108, H308, H309, H588
Middlesex: H108
Sheffield: F398, H108, H128, H168, H398, H668, J508
Teesside: H108
Trent: H208, H308, H588, H708

Foundation Technology
Hatfield: H208, H308, H408, H588, H788
Manchester: G568
Teesside: H108
Trent: G1GM, G508

French or French Studies
Brighton: T900
Bristol: G534, M300, M3T9, RR12, RR14, RRCF, RRCK
Huddersfield: P300
Kingston: MR91, R100
Lancashire: F130, Y400
Leeds: N422
Leicester: Y400
London (Central): QR31, RR12, RR13, RR14, RR18, RT16, T3R1
London (City): Y400
London (North): QR81, R100, RR12, RR14, RV17, RV19, T200
London (South Bank): RR12, RR14, RR1F, RR1K
Manchester: FT19, FT29, GT19, HT79, TT29, TW92
Middlesex: L147
Staffordshire: 421N, G5R1, G5RC, G5RD, Y400
Portsmouth: RR12, RR14
Sunderland: G5R1, RV18
Teesside: Y301
Wolverhampton: T900
Buckingham (HE): 012N, 91TN, N1R1
Anglia (HE): LR11, LR31, LR81, RR12, RR13, RR14, RV14, RV17
Derby (HE): Y300
Ealing (HE): MT39, QR31, RR12, RR14, RR16, RR18, RRC2, RRC4, T200, Y301
Humber (HE): N141, N1R1
Crewe & Alsager (HE): Y301
Northampton, Nene: N1R1
West Glamorgan (HE): 9T1N
Oxford, Westminster: R100

Furniture Production Mgt
London (City): 054J, J450
Buckingham (HE): J450

General Science
London (East): H108, Y400
Staffordshire: 001C, 001F, 005F, 025J, CF11, CF13, CF16, CF19, CG14, CG15, CH16, CL18, F110, FF13, FF16, FF19, FG18, FG53, FG56, FH63, FH66, FJ13, FJ33, FJ36, FL18, FL38, FL61, GH56, GJ34, GJ36, GL58, HJ36, HL68, JL38
South West: Y108
Teesside: 001F
Buckingham (HE): J450
Canterbury, Christ Church: GY1C, GY5C, LY8C, MY91, MY9C, PY41, PY4C, QY31, QY3C, WY11, WY1C, XY31, XY3C

Geography
Brighton: Y100
Bristol: Y301
Kingston: F920, F970, GL58
Lancashire: Y400
London (City): Y400
London (North): F900, FF68, K460, L800
London (South Bank): K440
London (Thames): F911, F920, F925, Y100, Y301
Middlesex: F800, K460, LL18
Staffordshire: CL18, FL18, FL38, FL61, GL58, HL68, JL38, L800
Oxford: CL18, DL48, FL18, FL38, FL68, FL88, FLH8, GL18, GL48, GL58, HL68, LN87, LV84, LX81, LX83
South West: F800, Y400
Portsmouth: F8T9, F8X3, FF18, FF38, FF68, FG81, FG84, FG85, L800, LL18, Y108
Sunderland: LV88
Anglia (HE): F911, F920, K472, L800, LL18, LL38, LR81, LR84, LV81, LV84, LV87
Derby (HE): CL18
Ealing (HE): Y301
Humber (HE): Y301
Bath (HE): Y100, Y400
Bedford (HE): Y400
Canterbury, Christ Church: GL5V, LN81, LP84, LV81, LV88, LW81, LW83, LW84, LX8H, LY8C
Crewe & Alsager (HE): Y301
Gwent (HE): F910
Luton (HE): 058L, F850, F8F6, F8G5, G5F8
Northampton, Nene: Y400
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F6F8, F6L8, F8C9, F8F6, F8F9, F8G1, F8G5, F8L3, F8L8, F8W2, F8X2, F8X3, F8Y5, FG85, FW82, FX83, G1F8, G1L8, GL58, L8C9, L8F6, L8F8, L8F9, L8G1, L8G5, L8L3, L8L6, L8L7, L8M9, L8V7, L8W2, L8X2, L8X3, L8Y5, LL68, LM89, LW82, LX83, Y5F8, Y5L8
Carmarthen, Trinity: Y400
London (West, HE): FL68, L8G5, L8N1, LQ83, LQ84, LV81, LV88, LW83, LW84, LX82, LY85
Oxford, Westminster: L800
West Sussex (HE): L8Q3, L8V1, L8V8, L8X3, LV88, V1L8, V8L8
Worcester (HE): L800, Y600

Geology
Hatfield: Y100
Kingston: F600, F920
Liverpool: FN98
London (City): Y400
London (North): F900, FF68
London (South Bank): 002H
London (Thames): F612, F670, F920, F925, Y100
Middlesex: F800
Staffordshire: CF16, FF16, FF63, FG56, FG64, FH66, FJ36, FL61
Oxford: CF16, DF46, F610, FF16, FF63, FF68, FFH6, FG61, FG64, FG65, FH66, FL68, FN67, FV61, FV64, FX61, FX63
South West: F910, Y400
Portsmouth: F610, F612, F6T9, F6X3, FF16, FF36, FF68, FG61, FG64, FG65, Y108
Sheffield: 991J, J152
Sunderland: CF16, CF86, F611, FF16, FF36, FG65, FL61
Wales: 251J, FC61, FF16, FF36, FF69
Anglia (HE): F910, F920, FF16
Derby (HE): CL18
Camborne Schl: 006F, 041J, F600, J100
Luton (HE): 056F, 076F, 8G6F, F6F9, F6G5, F850, F8F6
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F6C9, F6F8, F6F9, F6G1, F6G5, F6L8, F6V8, F6X2, F6X3, F8F6, FG65, FX63, G1F6, L8F6
London (West, HE): F6N1, FL68, FQ63, FV61, FV68, FW63, FW64, FX62, FY65

German or German Studies
Birmingham: H1R2
Bristol: G534, M300, M3T9, RR12, RR24, RRFK
Kingston: F1R2, MR92
Lancashire: F130, Y400
Leeds: N422
Leicester: Y400
Liverpool: N1R2
London (Central): QR32, RR12, RR23, RR24, RR28, RT26, T3R2
London (City): Y400
London (North): QR82, RR12, RR24, RV27, RV29, T200
London (South Bank): RR12, RR1F, RR24, RR2K
London (Thames): NR52
Manchester: FT19, FT29, GT19, HT79, TT29, TW92
Staffordshire: 421N, G5R2, G5RF, G5RG, Y400
Portsmouth: R210, RR12
Sheffield: N1R2
Sunderland: G5R2, HR32, RV28
Wolverhampton: T900
Buckingham (HE): 012N, 91TN, N1R2
Anglia (HE): RR12, RR23, RR24
Ealing (HE): MT39, QR32, RR12, RR24, RR26, RR28, RRC2, T200, Y301
Humber (HE): N141, N1R2
Northampton, Nene: N1R2
West Glamorgan (HE): 9T1N

Health Studies
Birmingham: B983
Lancashire: Y400
Leeds: B700, B950
Liverpool: BK94
London (North): B990
London (South Bank): B971
London (Thames): B900
Newcastle: B700
Sunderland: B990
Dorset (HE): B991
Humber (HE): Y300
Canterbury, Christ Church: GX13, GX1H, LX8H, MX93, NX13, QX33, VX13, VX83, WX13, WX33, WX43
South Glamorgan (HE): B900
West Sussex (HE): B990

Heritage
Dorset (HE): F932

History
Bristol: L3G5, Y301
Leicester: Y301
London (City): Y400
London (North): V100
London (Thames): L114, V800, Y301
London (East): L610
Staffordshire: QV31
Oxford: CV11, DV41, FV11, FV31, FV61, FV81, FVH1, GV11, GV41, GV51, HV61, NV71, VV14, VX11, VX13
South West: Y401, Y404
Sunderland: VV18
Teesside: Y301
Bolton (HE): GV11, GV51, MV91, QV31, VV14, VV17, VV1C, VW19
Anglia (HE): LV11, LV31, LV81, QV31, RV41, V130, VV14, VV17
Derby (HE): Y300
Ealing (HE): Y301
Humber (HE): Y301
Bath (HE): Y100, Y400
Bedford (HE): Y400
Canterbury, Christ Church: GV11, GV1C, GV51, GV5C, LV81, MV91, PV41, QV31, VW11, VX13
Gwent (HE): L610
Winchester, King Alfred's: V1W4
Northampton, Nene: Y400
North East Wales (HE): QV31
Carmarthen, Trinity: Y320, Y321
London (West, HE): FV61, FVP1, LV81, NV11, QV31, QV41, VV18, VW13, VW14, VX12
Oxford, Westminster: V100
West Sussex (HE): L8V1, V1L8, V1Q3, V1V8, V1W1, V1W3, V1W4, V1X3, V8V1, VV18
Worcester (HE): V100, Y600

History of Art and Design
Brighton: V480
Lancashire: Y400
Leicester: Y301
Staffordshire: V460
Oxford: CV14, DV44, FV14, FV34, FV64, FV84, FVH4, GV14, GV44, GV54, HV64, LV84, NV74, VV14, VX43
Wolverhampton: V400
Bolton (HE): GV14, GV54, MV94, QV34, VV14, VV47, VVC4, VW49
Anglia (HE): LV14, LV84, QV34, RV14, VV14, VV47
Ealing (HE): Y301
London (Institute): W299

History of Ideas
London (North): V700
London (Thames): V800, Y100, Y301
Teesside: Y301
Anglia (HE): LV37, LV87, QV37, RV17, RV47, VV17, VV47

Home Economics
Leeds: N750
Liverpool: N750, N980
London (North): 067N
London (South Bank): N750
Manchester: N750
Newcastle: N980, N988
Sheffield: 067N
Humber (HE): D400, D401
Bath (HE): N750, Y400
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: N753
Salford Tech: 057N

Horse Studies
Welsh Agricultural Coll: 432D
Writtle Agricultural Coll: 009D

Horticulture
Birmingham: 052D
Hatfield: D900
Lancashire: D252
London (Thames): 009D, D900, K300
Anglia (HE): D900
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 52ND, DN25
Writtle Agricultural Coll: 052D, 252D

Hotel, Catering and Inst Mgt
Birmingham: N720
Brighton: 027N, N720, N740
Huddersfield: 027N, BN47, N720
Lancashire: 027N, N720
Leeds: 027N, N720
London (North): 027N, N720
London (South Bank): N720
Manchester: 027N, N720, N722
Middlesex: 027N, N720
Oxford: DN47, FN17, FN37, FN67, FN87, FNH7, GN17, GN47, GN57, HN67, LN87, N720, NV71, NV74, NX73
Portsmouth: N720
Sheffield: 027N, N720, N799
Wolverhampton: N700
Derby (HE): 027N
Dorset (HE): 027N, N720, N721
Ealing (HE): 027N, N721
Humber (HE): 007N, N700
Colchester Inst: 027N
Gloucester, Arts & Tech: 027N, N720
Salford Tech: 027N
South Glamorgan (HE): 027N
Thames Valley (HE): 027N

Housing
Bristol: K472
Leeds: N750
London (Central): K472
London (South Bank): K440
London (Thames): B900
Newcastle: K200, K208
Sheffield: K460, K472
Anglia (HE): K472
Humber (HE): Y300
North East Wales (HE): 008N
South Glamorgan (HE): B900

Human Ecology
London (Thames): F911, Y100
Middlesex: K460
South West: F910
West Sussex (HE): L8Q3, L8V1, L8V8, L8X3

Human Physiology
London (East): B100
Sunderland: B110
Wolverhampton: Y100
Dorset (HE): B991

Human Resource Management
Dorset (HE): N120

Humanities or Modern Studies
Leicester: Y399
London (North): QR81, QR82, RR12, RR14, RR24, RV17, RV19, RV27, RV29, V700
London (Thames): Y100, Y301
London (East): L610, Y410, Y420
Staffordshire: QV31, Y400
Derby (HE): Y300
Ealing (HE): Y301
Humber (HE): Y301
Crewe & Alsager (HE): Y301
Gwent (HE): L610
London (Institute): W299
West Sussex (HE): Y3W1, Y3W3

Hydrography
London (East): 462H, H264
South West: Y401

Independent Study
London (East): Y410, Y420
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400

Industrial Chemistry
Huddersfield: 001F, F110
Liverpool: F160
Teesside: 001F
Camborne Schl: J140

Industrial Economics
Coventry: L100
London (South Bank): H811
London (East): L100
Sunderland: JN91
Buckingham (HE): J450
Ealing (HE): N120

Industrial Information Tech
Birmingham: 73HH, G560
Lancashire: G560
London (Central): H120
London (Thames): 065G
Newcastle: G501, G508
Sunderland: G560, H250, H7N1
Wales: 011H
Anglia (HE): 006H, 105G
Luton (HE): 001H, 265G
North East Wales (HE): FG15

Industrial Relations
London (North): N120
London (Thames): N120
Teesside: 021N, N120
Buckingham (HE): 012N
Anglia (HE): 921N
Watford Coll: 421N

Industrial Studies
Birmingham: H108
Huddersfield: N500
Newcastle: H780, H788
London (East): 085H, H580, H7N1
Sheffield: N611
Trent: N611
Buckingham (HE): 002K
Dorset (HE): H120
Humber (HE): D421
West Glamorgan (HE): Y300

Information Systems
Birmingham: 105G, G560, G561, PP12
Brighton: 105G, G501, G534
Bristol: L3G5, RRCF, RRCK, RRFK
Coventry: H610
Hatfield: 005G, 105G, G500, Y100
Huddersfield: GH56, GH5P, H620, H628
Kingston: G561, GL58
Lancashire: G560, G561
Leeds: G561, P200
Liverpool: G562
London (Central): G500, G530
London (City): Y400
London (North): 065G
London (Thames): 065G, 105G, G500
Manchester: G510, G560
Newcastle: 265G, G501, G508
London (East): G501, H7N1, J990
Staffordshire: 035G, 105G, 306H, G500, G530, G561, G5R1, G5R2, G5RC, G5RD, G5RF, G5RG, HN71, Y400
Sheffield: 105G, 863F, G501, G562, G564, G932
Sunderland: G523, G560
Teesside: 065G, G530, G560
Wales: 105G, G500, G501, G560
Wolverhampton: N960
Buckingham (HE): 021N, 065G
Anglia (HE): 016H, 105G, 221N
Derby (HE): 085H, 105G
Dorset (HE): 265G, G561, GP53
Humber (HE): G561
Luton (HE): 026H, 058L, 265G, F8F6, F8G5, G5N1
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400
South Glamorgan (HE): 105G
Southampton (HE): G560
Thames Valley (HE): 105G, 265G
Carmarthen, Trinity: Y400

Information Technology
Birmingham: G560, H108, H610
Brighton: 105G, G501
Bristol: 465G, RRCF, RRCK, RRFK
Hatfield: 005G, 105G, G500, Y100
Huddersfield: 065G, 65HG, G560
Kingston: G562
Lancashire: 265G, G560, G561
Leeds: 265G, 065G, P200
Leicester: 065G, G560
Liverpool: G562
London (Central): 265G
London (City): Y400
London (North): 065G, G560
London (South Bank): 085H, H100, H108, H610, H618
London (Thames): 065G, G500, H620
Manchester: G560
Newcastle: 265G
London (East): J990, Y400
Staffordshire: 035G, 065G, 105G, 116H, 306H, 865G, 885H, G500, G530, G560, G568, G5RC, G5RF, H600
Sheffield: 009G, 065G, G562, G564, G5G1, H611
Sunderland: 085H, 105G, BG15, G523, G560, G5R1, G5R2, H250, H580, H611
Teesside: 041M, 065G, 265G, G560, N120, N131
Trent: G1G5, G1GM
Wales: 19TN, G500, G501, G560
Wolverhampton: 065G
Buckingham (HE): 265G, J450
Anglia (HE): H621
Dorset (HE): 265G, G561, N300
Ealing (HE): 021N, 265G, GP52, NP94, PT29
Humber (HE): 021N, 105G, Y300
Canterbury, Christ Church: GG1M, GL5V, GM59, GM5X, GN51, GN5C, GQ53, GQ5H, GV51, GV58, GV5C, GV5V, GW51, GW53, GW54, GW5C, GW5H, GW5K, GY5C
Gwent (HE): 105G, H642
Luton (HE): 001H, 116H, 265G, 73HH
Northampton, Nene: 105G
North East Wales (HE): FG15
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F6G5, F8G5, FG65, FG85, G1GN, G5GN, GG51, GG5N, GGMN, GL58, GN51, GN53, GNNC, GV58, GX53, GY55, L8G5, N1G5, N3G5, V8G5, Y5G5
South Glamorgan (HE): 105G
Southampton (HE): 105G, G560
Thames Valley (HE): 085H, 105G, 265G
West Glamorgan (HE): 016H, 105G, 421N

Integrated Engineering
Birmingham: H100
Portsmouth: H100, H108
Sheffield: H100, H108
Sunderland: H110
Trent: H100, H300, H580

Internal Environment
London (South Bank): 042K

International Business
Coventry: N180
Liverpool: N1R2, N1R4, N1T4
London (South Bank): RR1F, RR1K, RR2K
London (Thames): N120, NR52, NR54
Newcastle: N1T9
South West: Y400, Y401
Sheffield: N1R2
Sunderland: G5R1, G5R2, N141
Teesside: G562
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Wallingford	0491 37221
Wantage	02357 3199
Ware	0920 4813
Waterlooville	0705 254271
Watford	0923 240311
Watford	0923 31132/3/4
Weymouth	0305 782180
Winchester	0962 66411
Windsor	0753 840511
Wisbech	0945 585128
Witney	0993 705022
Wokingham	0734 786845
Worthing	0903 205612

SOUTH WEST

Barnstaple	0271 47039
Bath	0225 461501
Bideford	02372 77241
Blandford Forum	0258 52385
Bridgwater	0278 423789
Bristol	0272 276186
Bristol	0272 291818
Bristol	0272 612760
Bristol	0272 696101
Camborne	0209 714136
Castle Cary	0963 50692
Chard	04606 2180
Cheddar	0934 743755
Cheltenham	0242 532360
Chippenham	0249 655651
Cinderford	0594 23838
Crewkerne	0460 76232
Exeter	0392 273464
Frome	0373 65302
Gloucester	0452 426900
Guernsey (CI)	0481 710621
Highbridge	0278 782400
Ilminster	04605 2855
Jersey (CI)	0534 31543
Jersey (CI)	0534 36242
Jersey (CI)	0534 37691
Jersey (CI)	0534 71065
Liskeard	0579 43727/45121
Minehead	0643 7272
Newton Abbot	0626 61579
Paignton	0803 217895
Plymouth	0752 264610
Redruth	0209 712911
Salisbury	0722 28082
Shepton Mallet	0749 2707
St Austell	0726 61633
St Austell	0726 63220
St Mary's (Scilly I)	0720 22929
Street	0458 43051
Stroud	045 36 77139
Swindon	0793 512525
Taunton	0823 89214
Torquay	0803 217755
Trowbridge	0225 777441
Truro	0872 77993
Weston-Super-Mare	0934 627611
Yeovil	0935 27511

WALES

Aberdare	0685 875795
Aberystwyth	0970 617581
Ammanford	0269 2410
Bangor	0248 364862
Barry	0446 732361
Brecon	0874 4411
Bridgend	0656 766211
Caernarfon	0286 4121
Caerphilly	0222 862605
Caerphilly	0443 816916
Cardiff	0222 344291
Cardiff	0222 820250
Carmarthen	0267 233333
Colwyn Bay	0492 530443
Conwy	0492 593331
Croesyceiliog	0633 838838
Cross Keys	0495 270320
Flint	03526 2350
Haverfordwest	0437 764591
Holyhead	0407 2177/2422
Holywell	0352 712314
Llandrindod Wells	0597 4455
Llandrindod Wells	0597 4947
Llanelli	0554 774951
Merthyr Tydfil	0685 723421
Mold	0352 2121
Mold	0352 55798
Neath	0639 635391
Newcastle Emlyn	0239 710857
Newport (Mon)	0633 65203
Newtown	0686 626959
Pembroke Dock	0646 684783
Pontypool	04955 50015
Pontypridd	0443 485741
Port Talbot	0639 882061
Portmadoc	0766 514501
Rhyl	0745 343441
Shotton	0244 813316
Swansea	0792 297101
Swansea	0792 310154
Swansea	0792 471111
Swansea	0792 897333
Tonypandy	0443 432555
Tredegar	0495 252355
Wrexham	0978 266802

YORKSHIRE and HUMBERSIDE

Barnsley	0226 205586
Batley	0924 442468
Beverley	0482 862741
Bradford	0274 752354
Bridlington	0262 678943
Brighouse	0484 710821
Castleford	0977 556555
Dewsbury	0924 465151
Doncaster	0302 734243
Goole	0405 4556
Grimsby	0472 44122
Halifax	0422 57257
Harrogate	0423 64331/2
Hedon	0482 899171
Huddersfield	0484 422133
Hull	0482 228081
Hull	0482 647327
Hull	0482 835780
Keighley	0274 758020
Leeds	0532 463830
Leeds	0532 734851
Northallerton	0609 3537
Redcar	0642 490870
Rotherham	0709 822632
Scarborough	0723 373009
Scunthorpe	0724 282208
Selby	0757 703536
Sheffield	0742 735461
Shipley	0274 757043
Skipton	0756 2948
Todmorden	0706 817021
Wakefield	0924 297021
Wakefield	0924 296665
York	0904 628933

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West Glamorgan (HE): 016H, H610
Oxford, Westminster: G100

Mathematics for Business
Brighton: G100
Hatfield: 1N9G, GN42
London (Central): G100
London (South Bank): G100, G108
London (Thames): G932
Middlesex: G1N1
Newcastle: G400
Staffordshire: G532
Teesside: 4G1N, G100
London (South West): 421N, N423

Mathematics in Computing
Hatfield: GG15
Kingston: G100
London (Central): G100
London (South Bank): G100, G108
London (Thames): 009G, G502, G5G1
Manchester: G510
Newcastle: G100, G108
Sheffield: 009G, G5G1
Teesside: G100
Trent: G1G5, G1GM
Wales: 009G, G500, G501, GG15
Luton (HE): 105G

Mathematics, Stats and Comp
Coventry: 009G, Y100
Kingston: G100
Lancashire: 009G
Leicester: 009G
Liverpool: GG45
London (Central): G100
London (North): 009G
London (South Bank): G100, G108
London (Thames): 009G, G411, G900, Y100
Manchester: 009G
Middlesex: G1N1
Newcastle: G100, G108
London (East): Y120
Staffordshire: G532
South West: Y400
Portsmouth: 009G
Sheffield: 009G, G411, G5G1, G932
Teesside: G100, G500
Trent: G1G5, G1GM
Wales: 009G, GG15
Gloucester, Arts & Tech: 009G
Luton (HE): G5N1

Measurement/Instrumentation
Huddersfield: 046H
Manchester: F100, F200, FH16, FH26, FH36, G110, GH16, HH67, HW62

Mechanical Engineering
Birmingham: 73HH
Brighton: 003H, 007H, H108, H300
Coventry: 003H, H300
Hatfield: 003H, H300, H308, H400
Huddersfield: 73HH, H110, H118, H300, H308
Kingston: 011H, H300
Lancashire: 011H, H108, H300
Leeds: 73HH, H780
Leicester: 73HH, H100
Liverpool: 73HH, H100, H108, H110, H300, H350, H782, HH37, HN71
London (Central): 73HH, H300
London (South Bank): 011H, H300, H308, H770, H778
London (Thames): 003H, H300
Manchester: 73HH, H300
Middlesex: 73HH, H108, H300, H308, H799
Newcastle: 003H, H300, H308, J800, J508, K240, K248
London (East): 001H, H781
Staffordshire: 73HH, 7HHH, 811H, H300, H308, H390
Oxford: 001H, H100
South West: 73HH, H108, H300, Y401
Portsmouth: 73HH, H300, H308
Sheffield: 73HH, H100, H120, H128, H392, H398
Sunderland: 021H, 73HH, H110, H300, H780, HR32
Teesside: H300
Trent: 003H, 007H, H300, H308
Wales: 018H, 293H, H300
Wolverhampton: 73HH, H300
Bolton (HE): 001H
Buckingham (HE): 001H
Derby (HE): 73HH
Humber (HE): 011H, 025H, 077H, 487H, H100
Gwent (HE): 73HH
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 033H, H330
North East Wales (HE): 161H
South Glamorgan (HE): 007H, 018H, 242K
West Glamorgan (HE): 001H
Writtle Agricultural Coll: 033H

Media Studies
Lancashire: Y400
Leicester: P400, Y301, Y400
London (North): PP23
Derby (HE): CW12
Dorset (HE): N920
Ealing (HE): NP94, W253
Canterbury, Christ Church: GP14, GP1K, LP84, MP94, NP14, PV41, PV48, PW41, PW43, PW44, PY41, PY4C
North Cheshire Coll: NP14, Y400
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: LW64, MW94, V8M4, VW84, WW24, WX43, WY46, Y5W4
London (South West): N422
West Glamorgan (HE): Y300

Medical Laboratory Science
Bristol: 049B
Leeds: B990
Leicester: Y400
London (Central): B940, C980
London (East): C600, C620, J820
Staffordshire: 7HHH
Sunderland: 011C
Teesside: F999
South Glamorgan (HE): 049B, C980

Metallurgy
Coventry: J500
London (South Bank): 008H
London (Thames): F200, J299, Y100
Sheffield: 005J, 991J, J500, J508
Sunderland: 005J, J500
Teesside: 093H
Camborne Schl: J140

Microbiology
Bristol: 011C, 049B, 124D
Hatfield: C110, Y100
Kingston: C999
Leicester: C999
Liverpool: C510, CC57
London (Central): C980
London (North): B4C1, CF11
London (South Bank): 011C, J801, J808
London (Thames): C110, Y100
London (East): 011C, C110, C500
Oxford: C140
South West: 011C
Sheffield: 011C, C999
Sunderland: 011C, C110
Teesside: J800
Wales: 001F, CF11, CF13, CF19, CJ18, FC51
Wolverhampton: C120, Y100
Luton (HE): 5G1C, C1F9, C1G5

Microelectronics
Birmingham: 066H, H600, H610
Huddersfield: 65HG, GH56, GH6P, H600, H608
Kingston: F1H6, F3H6
London (Thames): 085H, H600, Y100
Manchester: 085H, H580
Newcastle: 085H, FH36, FH3T, H580, H588, H611, H618, H620, H628
London (East): 085H, H580
Staffordshire: 065G, 865G, G560, G568
Oxford: CH16, DH46, FH16, FH36, FH66, FH86, FHH6, GH16, GH46, GH56, HL68, HN67, HQ63, HV61, HV64, HX61, HX63
Sheffield: 085H, 116H, 863F, F398, F399
Sunderland: 085H, H580, H611
Teesside: H600, H611
Derby (HE): 085H
Dorset (HE): H600
Gwent (HE): 085H, H642
Salford Tech: 116H, H611
West Glamorgan (HE): 016H, H610

Microstructural Engineering
London (Thames): J299, Y100
Sheffield: 005J, 991J, H100, J500, J508

Midwifery
Dorset (HE): B700

Minerals Estate Mgt
Sheffield: 991J, J152
Wales: 251J
Camborne Schl: 251J

Mining
London (Thames): F670, F920
Wales: 251J
Camborne Schl: 041J, J100, J140
Luton (HE): 056F

Music
Kingston: W300
Leicester: W901
London (City): J572
Trent: W431
Anglia (HE): W300
Derby (HE): Y300
Ealing (HE): Y301
Bath (HE): Y100, Y400
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Colchester Inst: W300
Crewe & Alsager (HE): W430, Y301
Dartington Coll of Arts: W300
Northampton, Nene: Y400
Salford Tech: W304
London (West, HE): FW63, FWP3, LW83, QW33, QW43, VW13, VW83, VX32, W3G6, W3N1, WW34, WY36
West Sussex (HE): V1W3, V8W3, Y3W3

Naval Architecture
Southampton (HE): 046J

Neurosciences
Lancashire: C950

Nursing
Bristol: B700
Leeds: B700
London (South Bank): B700
Newcastle: B700
Oxford: B702, B703
Dorset (HE): B700

Nutrition or Dietetics
Huddersfield: BN47
Leeds: B411
London (North): B4C1, BC41, N700
London (South Bank): 124D
Oxford: BD44, CD14, DF41, DF43, DF46, DF48, DF4H, DG41, DG44, DG45, DH46, DL48, DN47, DQ43, DV41, DV44, DX41, DX43
Sheffield: 067N
South Glamorgan (HE): B400

Occupational Hygiene
London (South Bank): B971
London (Thames): B900

Office Communication
Lancashire: 99NT
Leeds: N140
Newcastle: N172
Teesside: N131
Wales: 19TN
Anglia (HE): 041N
Humber (HE): 021N, N140, N170

Offshore Engineering
London (East): H200
South West: H300
Teesside: 093H
Luton (HE): 076F, F6F9, F6G8, F880
Southampton (HE): 046J

Operational Research
Brighton: G100
Coventry: GN42
Hatfield: 1N9G, GN42, Y100
Huddersfield: GN61
Leicester: Y400
London (Central): G100
London (Thames): 009G, G411, G900, G932, Y100
Staffordshire: CG14, FG14, FG34, FG64, GG54, GH64, GJ34
South West: Y400
Teesside: 4G1N, G100

Organisation Studies
London (North): L402, N720
Sheffield: G932
Teesside: 041M
Wales: 041M, M140
Buckingham (HE): 012N
Anglia (HE): 105G, 221N, 921N, N120, N150
Derby (HE): 021N, N120
Ealing (HE): 021N, PP12
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: N110
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400
Thames Valley (HE): 421N

Peace and War Studies
Bolton (HE): GV1C, GV5C, MV9C, QV1C, VV1C, VVC4, VVC7, VWC9

Performance or Movement St
Leicester: W901
Trent: W431
Canterbury, Christ Church: GW14, GW1K, GW54, GW5K, LW84, MW94, PW44, QW34, WW14, WX43
Salford Tech: 004P
West Sussex (HE): Y3W1, Y3W3

Personnel
Gwent (HE): 421N

Pharmacology
Bristol: 049B
Hatfield: C110, Y100
Lancashire: Y400
London (East): B200
Portsmouth: B200
Sunderland: B200

Pharmacy
Leicester: 004B, B399
London (Thames): 001F, B300
Portsmouth: B300
Sunderland: B300
Teesside: H800

Philosophy
Hatfield: Y100
London (North): RV17, RV27, V700
London (Thames): V800
Middlesex: Q203
London (East): L610
Sunderland: VV78
Bolton (HE): GV17, GV87, MV97, QV37, VV17, VV47, VVC7, VW79
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Crewe & Alsager (HE): L610, Y301
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: G1V7, L8V7, V8V7
London (South West): N422

Photographic Arts
Leicester: P400
Derby (HE): CW12
Humber (HE): P400

Photographic Sci/Graphics Tech
London (Central): W263
Manchester: 362W, F100, FW12, FW32, GW82, HW62, HW72
Derby (HE): CW12

Physical Electronics
Leicester: 013F
London (Central): H600
London (Thames): H600, Y100
Newcastle: FH36, FH3T
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Friday, September 14	Modern Languages, Engineering, Technology and Maths
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Bristol: 013F, C110, F110, G534, H640
Coventry: 011F, 013F, 069F, F110, F310, Y100
Hatfield: 001F, F110, Y100
London (South Bank): F9G5, F9GM
London (Thames): 001F, B300, F110, F670, F920, F925, Y100, Y120
Middlesex: F900
Newcastle: F110, F118, H692, H698
Staffordshire: 001C, 001F, 003F, CF11, FF13, FF16, FF19, FF63, FG14, FG15, FG34, FG53, FH16, FH63, FJ13, FJ33, FL18, FL38
Oxford: CF13, DF43, FF13, FF38, FF63, FFH3, FG31, FG34, FG35, FH36, FL38, FN37, FQ33, FV31, FV34, FX31, FX33
Sunderland: 005J, BF11, BF13, F611, FB13
Teesside: 001F
Wales: CF13, FF13, FF36
Luton (HE): C1F9, F6F9
Worcester (HE): Y600

Physics
Brighton: Y100
Bristol: NY11
Coventry: 013F, F310
Hatfield: Y100
Kingston: 003F, F3H6
Lancashire: 013F, F130, F520, Y400
Leicester: 013F, F3N1, Y400
Liverpool: F310
London (North): FF13, FG31, FG38
London (South Bank): F9G5, F9GM
London (Thames): F200, Y100
Manchester: F200, F310, FF23, FG31, FG35, FH36, FH37, FT32, FW32, G110
Newcastle: FH36, FH3T, H692, H698
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Oxford: CF13, CF1H, DF43, DF4H, FF13, FF1H, FF38, FF63, FFH3, FFH6, FFH8, FG31, FG34, FG35, FGH1, FGH4, FGH6, FH36, FHH6, FL38, FLH8, FN37, FNH7, FQ33, FQH3, FV31, FV34, FVH1, FVH4, FX31, FX33, FXH1, FXH3
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Sheffield: 005J, 013F, 863F, 991J
Sunderland: BF13, CF83, FF13, FF36, FG31, FG36
Teesside: F999
Trent: CF13, F110, FF13, FG31, FG36
Wales: CF13, FF13, FF36, FF39
Wolverhampton: Y100
Canterbury, Christ Church: GY1C, GY5C, LY8C, MY91, MV9C, PY41, PY4C, QY31, QY3C, WY11, WY1C, XY31, XY3C

Physiology
Bristol: 011C, C110
Hatfield: Y100
Lancashire: C950, Y150, Y400
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Teesside: B960
Wolverhampton: B900

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Birmingham: K440
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Middlesex: K460
Oxford: K440
Sheffield: K460
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Plant Engineering
London (South Bank): 008H, H800, H808
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Wales: 018H, 293H, H300
Camborne Schl: 991J
South Glamorgan (HE): 018H, 242K

Podiatry
Birmingham: B983
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Bristol: L322
Hatfield: L322
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Sheffield: 041M, M310
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Politics or Government
Bristol: L322, L3C5
Kingston: MR91, MR92, MR94
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Pollution Management
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Power Engineering
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Manchester: 036J, F100, FW12, GW62, HW62, HW72
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Production or Industrial Eng
Birmingham: 73HH
Brighton: H108, H300
Coventry: 007H
Hatfield: 003H, H780, Y100
Huddersfield: 73HH
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Leeds: 73HH, H780
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Liverpool: 73HH
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Buckingham (HE): 001H, J450
Derby (HE): 73HH
Luton (HE): 001H, G5N1
South Glamorgan (HE): 007H
Southampton (HE): 087H

Psychology
Lancashire: C950
Leicester: Y400
London (Central): C980
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London (East): C800, C820, Y120
Staffordshire: Y400
South West: C800
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Wolverhampton: C800
Bolton (HE): L700
Ealing (HE): Y301
Crewe & Alsager (HE): L510
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: G1L7, L8L7, V8L7

Public or Social Admin
Brighton: 041M, L400
Lancashire: 009M
Leeds: L100
Leicester: 041M, M140
London (North): B990
Manchester: M140
Staffordshire: M150
Sheffield: 041M, M310
Teesside: 041M, M140
Wales: 041M, M140
Wolverhampton: 91NN
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: 041M
Luton (HE): 041M, L521
Southampton (HE): 041M

Public Relations
Newcastle: N172
Dorset (HE): N920
Watford Coll: 421N

Public Sector Management
Sheffield: M143
Wolverhampton: 91NN

Publishing
Ealing (HE): NP94
London (Institute): 035J, 55PJ, 55PM
Watford Coll: 035J, J530

Quantitative Analysis
Hatfield: GN42
London (Thames): G411, G932
Newcastle: G400
Teesside: 4G1N, GN41
Ealing (HE): L100, N120, N400
Humber (HE): N120, N420, N970
West Glamorgan (HE): N120

Radio or Television Studies
Leicester: P400
Staffordshire: W520
Canterbury, Christ Church: GP14, GP1K, LP84, MP94, NP14, PV41, PV48, PW41, PW43, PW44

Radiography
London (South Bank): B985
Portsmouth: B985

Recreational Management
Coventry: Y100
Sheffield: N740, Y502
Dorset (HE): F932
Ealing (HE): Y502
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: L521
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: D985
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y502
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F8Y5, G1Y5, GY55, L8Y5, M3Y5, N1Y5, WY45, Y5C9, Y5F8, Y5F9, Y5G1, Y5G5, Y5L3, Y5L8, Y5N1, Y5N3, Y5W4, Y5X2
London (West, HE): FY65, FY96

Religious Studies
London (Thames): V800
Sunderland: LV38, LV78, LV88, MV18, QV38, RV18, RV28, VV18, VV78
Bath (HE): Y400
Canterbury, Christ Church: GV18, GV1V, GV58, GV5V, LV88, MV98, PV48, QV38, VW81, VX83
Crewe & Alsager (HE): Y301
Gwent (HE): L610
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F6V8, G1V8, GV58, LV68, MV98, V8G1, V8G5, V8L3, V8L6, V8L7, V8M4, V8M9, V8V7, V8W2, V8X3, VW82, VW84, VX83
Carmarthen, Trinity: Y320, Y321
London (West, HE): FV68, FV98, LV88, QV38, QV48, V8G5, V8N1, VV18, VW83, VW84, VX82, VY85
Oxford, Westminster: V820
West Sussex (HE): L8V8, LV88, V1V8, V8L8, V8Q3, V8V1, V8W1, V8W3, V8W4, V8X3, VV18

Retailing
London (Central): N900
London (South Bank): N980
Newcastle: 5N9N
Dorset (HE): N9N5
London (Institute): 258N

Robotics
Middlesex: 73HH

Russian or Russian Studies
Brighton: T900
London (Central): QR38, RR18, RR28, RR38, RR48, RT86, T3R8
Portsmouth: R810
Wolverhampton: T900
Ealing (HE): QR38, RR18, RR28, RR84, RR86, T200

Science and Business Studies
Bristol: NY11
Leicester: F1N1, F3N1
London (South Bank): H811, N980
Newcastle: F110, F118, N980, N988
London (East): Y410, Y420
Sheffield: N611
Wales: HN81
Wolverhampton: Y100
Humber (HE): D4N1
Crewe & Alsager (HE): X206
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: 024D

Secretarial Studies
Lancashire: 99NT
Newcastle: N172
Teesside: N131
Buckingham (HE): 266G, 91TN
West Glamorgan (HE): 421N

Social Administration
London (East): J990
South West: L404, L4L5, L4LM
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: L521
Luton (HE): 041M, L521
Thames Valley (HE): 421N

Social Policy
Hatfield: L322
Lancashire: Y400
London (North): K460, L402
London (South Bank): L322
London (Thames): L300
Middlesex: L402
London (East): J990, L310
South West: L404, L4L5, L4LM
Sheffield: 041M, M310
Teesside: 041M, L300
Wales: 041M, M140
Buckingham (HE): L3L5
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: 041M
Luton (HE): 041M, L521
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400, Y502

Social Science/Studies
Bristol: L322, L3C5
Hatfield: L310, L322, Y302
Kingston: L300, L510
Liverpool: BK94
London (North): L510
London (South Bank): L322
London (Thames): L300
Middlesex: L402
London (East): Y400, Y410, Y420
South West: L404, L4L5, L4LM
Sunderland: L100, L322
Teesside: L300
Wales: 041M, M140
Buckingham (HE): L3L5
Anglia (HE): LL13, LL38, LR31, LV31, LV37
Dorset (HE): B991
Humber (HE): L322, T299, Y402
Bradford & Ilkley Coll: N110, N753, Y400
Gwent (HE): F910
Winchester, King Alfred's: L502
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400, Y502
Southampton (HE): 041M
West Glamorgan (HE): Y300
Worcester (HE): Y600

Society and Technology
Brighton: G534
London (East): J990, Y400
Teesside: L700
Wales: HN81, K200

Sociology
Bristol: G532, L322, L3C5
Kingston: L300
London (City): Y400
London (South Bank): L322
London (Thames): L114, L300, V800
London (East): L310, Y400
South West: Y400, Y404
Sunderland: LV38
Teesside: L300
Buckingham (HE): L3L5
Anglia (HE): LL13, LL38, LR31, LV31, LV37, QL33
Humber (HE): L322, T299
Bath (HE): Y400
Bedford (HE): Y400
Crewe & Alsager (HE): L610
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F8L3, L8L3, V8L3, Y5L3
London (South West): N422

Software Engineering
Brighton: 005G, 105G
Hatfield: 005G, G500
Leicester: G560, H610
London (Central): G500, G530, H640
London (Thames): 003H, 065G, 105G, G500, G502, G5G1, H620
Manchester: 005G
Staffordshire: 035G, G530, G5RD, G5RG
Teesside: 005G, 065G, G530, G560
Buckingham (HE): 065G
Anglia (HE): 035G, 105G, H610, H621
Derby (HE): 105G
Dorset (HE): G500
Humber (HE): 105G
Luton (HE): 026H, 085H, 105G, 116H, C1G5, F6G5, F8G5, G5F8, G5N1
Northampton, Nene: 005G
Salford Tech: 035G
Thames Valley (HE): 105G
Watford Coll: 016H
West Glamorgan (HE): 016H, 105G

Spanish or Spanish Studies
Bristol: M300, M3T9, RR14, RR24, RRCF, RRCK, RRFK
Kingston: MR94
Lancashire: Y400
Liverpool: N1R4
London (Central): QR34, RR14, RR24, RR34, RR48, RT46, T3R4
London (North): RR14, RR24, T200
London (South Bank): RR14, RR1K, RR24, RR2K
London (Thames): NR54
Manchester: FT19, FT29, GT19, HT79, TT29, TW92
Staffordshire: 421N, Y400
Portsmouth: R410, RR14, RR46
Wolverhampton: T900
Buckingham (HE): 012N, 91TN, N1R4
Anglia (HE): LR14, LR84, QR34, RR14, RR24, RV41, RV47
Ealing (HE): QR34, RR14, RR24, RR84, RRC4, T200, Y301
Humber (HE): N1R4
Northampton, Nene: N1R4
West Glamorgan (HE): 9T1N

Speech Therapy
Leeds: B950
Central Schl of Speech & Drama: B950
South Glamorgan (HE): B960

Sports Science/Studies
Trent: X206
Canterbury, Christ Church: GW14, GW1K, GW54, GW5K, LW84, MW94, PW44, QW34, WW14, WX43
Crewe & Alsager (HE): 206X, 521N, X206
North Cheshire Coll: YN51
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y502
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F6X2, F8X2, G1X2, L8X2, Y5X2
London (West, HE): FX62, FXP2, LX82, QX32, QX42, VX12, VX32, VX82, X2G5, X2N1, XY25
West Sussex (HE): X206

Statistics
Brighton: G100, Y100
Bristol: 009G, G532
Coventry: 009G, G100, GN42
Hatfield: Y100
Lancashire: G411, Y400
Leicester: 009G, Y400
Liverpool: GG45
London (Central): G100
London (City): Y400
London (North): GG14, GG45
London (Thames): 009G, G411, G900, G932, Y100
Newcastle: G100, G108, G400
London (East): G440, GG14, Y120
Staffordshire: CG14, FG14, FG34, FG64, GG54, GH64, GJ34
Oxford: CG13, DG44, FG14, FG34, FG64, FG84, FGH4, GG14, GG45, GH46, GL48, GN47, GQ43, GV41, GV44, GX41, GX43
South West: Y400
Portsmouth: 009G, FG14, FG34, FG64, FG84, GG14, GG45
Sheffield: 009G, G411
Teesside: 4G1N, G100, GN41
Wales: 009G
Wolverhampton: Y100
South Glamorgan (HE): 051N

Surveying: Building or Land
Birmingham: K260
Brighton: K260
Bristol: K260
Hatfield: 362H, H200
Leicester: 002K
London (Central): K200
London (South Bank): 002K, K260
London (Thames): 002H, H200, K260, KN21
Newcastle: 053K, K200, K208, K260
London (East): 002H, 462H, H200, H264
Staffordshire: N830
South West: Y401
Trent: 062K, 082K, 462H
Wales: 251J
Buckingham (HE): 002K
Anglia (HE): K200
Camborne Schl: 251J
Harper Adams Agricultural Coll: D985
Luton (HE): 008N, 058L
Southampton (HE): 002K

Surveying: Engineering
London (South Bank): 002H
London (Thames): K260
Newcastle: K260
Trent: 362H, H263
Camborne Schl: 251J

Surveying: Quantity
Birmingham: K280
Bristol: K280
Leeds: K280
Liverpool: K280
London (Central): K280
London (South Bank): 002K, K280
London (Thames): K280
Newcastle: K280
Staffordshire: K280
Trent: 062K, 082K, K280
Wales: K280
Buckingham (HE): 002K
Anglia (HE): K200
Northampton, Nene: 082K
Southampton (HE): 002K

Systems Analysis/Modelling
Birmingham: G561, H610
Brighton: 105G, G534
Bristol: 105G, G532
Coventry: 105G, G500
Hatfield: 105G, G500
Huddersfield: GN51
Leicester: G561
London (Thames): 105G, G411, G932
Manchester: G510
Middlesex: 105G
Staffordshire: G561, G5R1, G6R2, HN71
Sheffield: 105G, G501, G5G1, G932
Sunderland: 105G, BG15
Teesside: 005G, 065G, 4G1N, G530, G560
Wales: 105G
Buckingham (HE): 065G
Dorset (HE): G500, G561
Luton (HE): 105G, G5F8
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y400
Southampton (HE): 105G, G560
Thames Valley (HE): 105G

Systems Design
London (South Bank): H100, H108

Technology Management
Liverpool: HN71
Middlesex: HN31, HN61, KN21
Sunderland: JN91
Wolverhampton: Y100

Textiles
Huddersfield: J461
Leicester: 164J, J461
Newcastle: N980, N988
Trent: 164J, JW42
Bolton (HE): 154J, J460
Bath (HE): Y400

Theatre Studies
Northampton, Nene: Y400
Carmarthen, Trinity: Y320, Y321

Theology
Oxford, Westminster: V800

Third World Studies
London (East): Y400

Tourism and Travel
Brighton: N740
Bristol: 047N
Lancashire: N720
London (Central): N900
London (North): 029M, N740
Newcastle: N741
Staffordshire: N120
Sheffield: N720, N740, N799, Y502
Wolverhampton: N700
Buckingham (HE): 147N
Anglia (HE): 029M, D900
Derby (HE): 027N
Dorset (HE): 009M, F932, N720, N740
Ealing (HE): 029M, Y502
Canterbury, Christ Church: GM59, GM5X, MN91, MP94, MV91, MV98, MW91, MW93, MW94, MX93, MY91, MY9C
London (Institute): 255N
Luton (HE): N120
Plymouth, St Mark & St John: Y502
South Glamorgan (HE): N740
West Glamorgan (HE): 421N

Transport and Distribution
Huddersfield: N920
Liverpool: N960
London (Central): N900
Newcastle: 029N
South West: Y400
West Glamorgan (HE): 029N

Urban Studies
Bristol: K401
Coventry: K420
Leeds: K464
Liverpool: BK94
London (Central): K460, K472
London (North): K460
London (South Bank): K440, N800
London (Thames): F911, Y100
Middlesex: K460
Newcastle: 053K, K200, K208
South West: F800, Y400
Sheffield: K460, K472, N800
Wales: N800
Bolton (HE): GM19, GM59, MQ93, MV91, MV94, MV97, MV9C, MW99
Luton (HE): 008N
West Glamorgan (HE): Y300
Worcester (HE): Y600

Visual Arts/Studies
Lancashire: Y400
Leicester: Y301
London (North): PP23
Newcastle: 91WN, WW19
Trent: W431
Bolton (HE): GW19, GW59, MW99, QW39, VW19, VW49, VW79, VWC9
London (Institute): W299
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: F8W2, FW82, L8W2, LM62, LW62, LW82, MW92, V8W2, VW82, WW24, WX23
West Sussex (HE): Y3W1, Y3W3

Welding Technology
Teesside: 093H

Welsh Studies
Carmarthen, Trinity: Y320, Y321

Women's Studies
Lancashire: Y400
London (East): J990, Y400
Cheltenham, St Paul & St Mary: L8M9, LM69, LM89, MV98, MW92, MW94, MX93, V8M9

Wood/Timber Technology
Buckingham (HE): J500, J501

Yacht Manufacturing Design
Southampton (HE): 216J, J610

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Social security provisions incompatible with EC equal treatment directive

Secretary of State for Social Security v Thomas
Same v Cooze
Same v Beard
Same v Murphy
Morley v Secretary of State for Social Security
Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Stocker and Sir Denys Buckley
[Judgment July 31]

The Secretary of State for Social Services failed to satisfy the court that sections 36(4)(d) and 37(5) of the Social Security Act 1975 were compatible with the provisions of article 7(1)(a) of the EC social security equal treatment directive.

Article 7 of EC Council Directive 79/7 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security provides:

"(1) This directive shall be without prejudice to the rights of member states to excluded from its scope: (a) the determination of pensionable age for the purpose of granting old-age and retirement pensions and the possible consequences thereof for other benefits . . ."

Construing the phrase "and the possible consequences for other benefits" strictly and in accordance with the principle of proportionality, that gave member states authority to prescribe different age limits for men and women when defining the qualifications for entitlement to benefits other than old-age or retirement benefits only when that was a necessary consequence of their having defined the qualifications for entitlement to old-age or retirement benefits by reference to different age limits for men and women and only in a manner appropriate to meet that necessity.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing appeals by the secretary of state against a decision, dated March 30, 1988, that Mrs Thomas was not entitled to severe disablement allowance (SDA) and decisions, dated April 6, 1989, by Social Security Commissioners, that Mrs Cooze, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Beard were not entitled to invalid care allowance (ICA), and in allowing an appeal by Mrs Morley against a decision of a Social Security Commissioner on May 3, 1989 that she was not entitled to SDA.

Mr Richard Plender, QC and Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state; Mr Mark Rowland for Mrs Morley, Mrs Cooze and Mrs Beard; Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Miss Judith Beale for the Equal Opportunities Commission in the case of Mrs Thomas; Mrs Murphy was not represented and did not appear.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE said that the five appeals raised important questions of law concerning the entitlement of women to severe disablement allowance or invalid care allowance.

In summary the principal question in the Thomas or Morley appeals was whether, by reason of Directive 79/7 of December 19, 1978 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security (OJ 1979 No L 6 p24), they were entitled to SDA notwithstanding section 36(4)(d) of the Social Security Act 1975.

In summary, the principle question in the Cooze, Beard and Murphy appeals was whether by reason of Directive 79/7 they were entitled to ICA notwithstanding section 37(5) of the 1975 Act.

The answer to those two questions would in every case depend on whether article 7(1)1(a) of Directive 79/7 excluded section 36(4)(d) or section 37(5) from the ambit of the directive.

In respect of SDA, section 36 of the 1975 Act provides: "(4) A person shall not be entitled to a severe disablement allowance if . . . (d) he has attained pensionable age and was not entitled to a severe disablement allowance immediately before he attained it and is not treated by regulations as having been so entitled immediately before he attained it."

In respect of ICA section, 37 provided: "(5) . . . a person who has attained pensionable age shall not be entitled to an allowance under this section unless he was so entitled (or is treated by regulations as having been so entitled) immediately before attaining that age."

The statutory pensionable age being fixed at 60 for women and 65 for men was a criterion which directly discriminated between men and women in that it treated women more favourably than men.

The effect of sections 36(4)(d) and 37(5), which involved differential treatment of men and women by adopting the same criterion, must equally involve discrimination on the ground of their sex.

By failing to repeal or amend sections 36(4)(d) and 37(5) so as to remove the last mentioned discrimination, the United Kingdom was in breach of its obligations under articles 5 and 8(1) of Directive 79/7 unless the discrimination which those two subsections involved was permitted by article 7(1)(a).

If the United Kingdom was in breach of its obligations the five appellants might rely on Directive 79/7 as having direct effect for their benefit in any dispute with the state concerning the application to them of section 36(4)(d) or section 37(5) of the 1975 Act.

A provision such as section 36(4)(d) or section 37(5) which disqualified a person who had reached pensionable age from receiving SDA or ICA unless she was entitled to it before attaining that age, did not constitute "the determination of pensionable age for the purpose of granting old-age and retirement pensions" within the meaning of article 7(1)(a).

If either such discriminatory provision were to fall within the authority conferred by article 7(1)(a), it had to fall within the words "and the possible consequences thereof for other benefits".

Thus the outcome of the appeal was likely to depend on the meaning of those eight words and their applicability (if any) to sections 36(4)(d) and 37(5) of the 1975 Act.

The phrase "possible consequences", *inter alia*, had to be construed in accordance with the general principle of Community law known as the principle of proportionality, which required that a derogation from an individual right conferred by a Council Directive remained within the limits of what was appropriate and necessary for achieving the aim in view.

The principle of proportionality which was of considerable importance in the present case was summarised by the editors of *Halsbury's Laws of England* (4th edition (1986) volume 51, para 2.296) the notes to which cited a large number of supporting authorities:

"The principle of proportionality requires that the means used to attain a given end should be no more than what is appropriate and necessary to attain that end; in other words, persons may be obliged only to make the least sacrifice consonant with achieving the objective sought.

"In order to establish whether a principle of Community law is compatible with the principle of proportionality, it is necessary to establish whether the means it employs to achieve its aim correspond to the importance of the aim and whether those means are necessary in order to achieve it.

"Whether a measure is disproportionate or not is not necessarily determined by reference to the individual position of any one particular group of operators. The principle of proportionality applies also to national measures."

It was common ground that any national legislature, in exercising the limited freedom or option conferred on it by article 7(1)(a) of the Directive had to do so within the limits imposed by the principle of proportionality.

Subject to certain other obligations, the aim of the first limb of article 7(1)(a) was clearly to confer on member states the option at their discretion to differentiate between men and women in defining age qualifications in relation to old age and retirement benefits notwithstanding the general prohibitions against sex discrimination contained in the earlier provisions of the directive. The aim of the second limb, in his Lordship's judgment, was to absolve member states from infringement of Directive 79/7 in cases where people's rights, other than rights to old age and retirement pensions, were necessarily affected as a result of the fixing of a different pensionable age for men and women for the purposes of granting old age or retirement benefits.

Construing the phrase "and the possible consequences thereof for other benefits" strictly and in accordance with the principle of proportionality, his Lordship concluded that it gave member states authority to prescribe or retain different age limits for men and women when defining the qualifications for entitlement to benefits other than old age and retirement benefits only when that was a necessary consequence of their having defined the qualifications for entitlement to old-age or retirement benefits by reference to different age limits for men and women and only in a manner which was appropriate to meet this necessity.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was for the national court, not the member state itself, to decide whether any purported exercise of the option conferred by either limb of article 7(1)(a) fell within the authority conferred by the article.

In considering whether sections 36(4)(d) and section 37(5) fell within the liberty conferred by the second limb of article 7(1)(a) his Lordship considered that in the end the question for the court was whether UK legislation relating to old-age and relevant benefits made it appropriate and necessary for Parliament, when designating the cut-off age for SDA and ICA purposes, to follow the concept of pensionable age, with its concomitant discrimination between men and women, rather than designating a uniform age.

Ultimately, in his Lordship's judgment, the secretary of state's case had to rest on the propositions forcefully advanced by Mr Plender that, in the case of SDA and ICA, (i) the statutory presumed working life had to coincide as closely as possible with fact; (ii) in fact women, like men tended to retire at pensionable age; and (iii) the United Kingdom, in accordance with the principle of proportionality, was entitled to set the cut-off point for SDA and ICA purposes at the respective ages when the greatest number of men and women did in fact retire, in view of the state's pensionable age.

Mr Lester and Mr Rowland did not accept the factual assumptions on which those propositions were based and, in his Lordship's judgment, justifiably, both because of the inconclusive nature of the statistics placed before the court and also because of an important and relevant recent judgement, Case C-262/88 *Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group* (*The Times* May 18; [1990] 2 All ER 660) where the European Court had held that it was contrary to article 119 of the EEC Treaty to impose an age condition which differed according to sex in respect of pensions paid under a contracted-out scheme, even if the difference between the pensionable age for men and that for women was based on the one provided for by the national statutory scheme.

Thus, even apart from the inconclusive nature of the statistics placed before the court, the, as yet unknown, impact of the *Barber* decision was a further reason why the sex discrimination involved in sections 36(4)(d) and 37(5) could be justified by reference to the assumed working life of a woman as opposed to a man.

A general assumption of that kind, which took no account of individual circumstances and made without adequate factual basis itself discriminated against women.

The onus had to fall on the secretary of state to show that the designation of different age limits for men and women, when defining the qualifications for entitlement to SDA and ICA, was a necessary consequence of Parliament's having defined the qualifications for entitlement to old-age and retirement benefits by reference to different age limits for men and women.

For the reasons which he had given his Lordship did not think that that onus had been or could be discharged. Accordingly he would dismiss the secretary of state's appeals in the cases of Mrs Thomas, Mrs Cooze, Mrs Beard and Mrs Murphy.

He would allow the appeal of Mrs Morley and would remit the matter to the social security commissioner concerned to make the further necessary findings of fact and give the appropriate decision.

Sir Denys Buckley delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Stocker agreed with both.

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Elsworth's impressive filly In The Groove helps Cauthen to memorable treble on opening day of big Knavesmire meeting

Belmez earns high ranking with gallant York victory

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

BELMEZ stamped himself as the outstanding three-year-old colt in training when giving 5lb and a beating to his four opponents in the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York yesterday.

In The Groove was the other equine star of a brilliant start to the three-day Ebor meeting. David Elsworth's versatile filly showed quite outstanding powers of acceleration to record her third victory from as many starts at York when sprinting clear of Elmaamul and Batshoof to win the group one Juddmonte International Stakes.

Steve Cauthen was in inspired form throughout the afternoon. the strength and determination he showed on Belmez being matched only by the finesse and judgement of pace he showed on In The Groove.

Earlier, Cauthen had initiated a double for himself and Henry Cecil when driving Sedair to a three-quarters of a length win over Plan Of Action in the Eagle Lane Acomb Stakes.

Belmez certainly had to show all the determination, stamina and class that had recently seen him beat his stable companion Old Vic in the King George at Ascot.

Those who had laid 2-1 on Belmez must have had their hearts in their boots as Richard Quinn drove Snurge into a length lead, 1½ furlongs from home. But rallying bravely, Belmez fought back to win by a head. Only three-quarters of a length separated Karinga Bay and Blue Stag, who finished third and fourth respectively.

This dogged display elicited a spontaneous tribute from Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jockey Club handicapper. "There are grounds for saying that Belmez could be better than Salsabil," he said. "After all, Karinga Bay and Blue Stag both confirmed their Gordon Stakes running and they had finished fifth and second respectively in the Derby."

The Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Rothmans International in Toronto and the Breeders' Cup Turf at Belmont Park are now all possible targets for Belmez. "He's just a very good horse," said Cecil. "After all, he beat Quest For Fame at Chester. We then thought we'd lost him and he needed the race when only third in the Irish Derby."

What an exciting autumn lies ahead for Cauthen and Cecil with both Belmez and Old Vic to represent them in the important middle-distance tests that lie ahead. "Belmez put his head down and really battled," said Cauthen. "But if they both go the right way, I still think I'd ride Old Vic in the Arc, as he's being kept in training for the race."

In The Groove's burst of finishing speed is always exhilarating to watch. And after storming clear of her rivals, two furlongs from home, she had to fight her hardest to repel Elmaamul's challenge by 1½ lengths.

As always at this time of the year, form is progressive, and the group one acceleration shown by the winner and runner-up put the likes of Batshoof, Dolpour, Relief Pitcher and Terimon firmly in their places.

In an impressive season, In The Groove has given further evidence of Elsworth's remarkable talent by winning the Irish 1,000 Guineas and the Musidora Stakes at York. And it is now obvious that she ran well below her form when only fourth of eight to Salsabil in the Oaks at Epsom.

"She is in most of the big races in the autumn," said Elsworth. "And we'll have to go back home and think about it. It wasn't so much that she was beaten at Epsom that was wrong, it was the fact that she was finished so far from home."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

In The Groove and Steve Cauthen surging clear in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York yesterday

The Times continues its countdown to the opening of the football season

Tranmere no longer out on a limbo

Are Tranmere still too good for the third division? This time they should not stumble, says ***KEITH BLACKMORE***

FOUR teams stood out in the third division last season and three of them were promoted. Tranmere Rovers were the unlucky ones and they start this season as the clear favourites for promotion.

In June, Tranmere lost in the final of the play-offs to Notts County at Wembley the week after giving a much better performance at the same venue to beat Bristol Rovers, the third division champions, for the Leyland Daf Cup.

During the summer, Tranmere then became victims of the Swindon affair. For 19 days, before Swindon's demotion was reduced from two divisions to one, it seemed that Tranmere had been promoted after all, an interlude which wrecked close-season planning.

John King, the manager, said: "It produced a whole lot of problems here because if we were not 100 per cent sure we were up, we were 98 per cent sure. I had to talk to the players with one foot in each of two canoes. I was saying, 'Well, if we are in the second division, here is what we can do for you but if we are in the third . . .' And, of course, they went off on their holidays and spent their bonuses and came back to find we were still in the third. It was cruel."

But he maintains that the uncertainty has not disrupted his preparations and, that being so, Tranmere should be the team to beat this year. At times last season, as when beating Bristol City, who went on to gain promotion, 6-0, or during an extended Littlewoods Cup tie with Tottenham Hotspur, they seemed far too good for the third division.

Much will depend on the form of Harvey and McNab in midfield, Hughes and Higgins in defence and Malkin and Muir in attack. Muir, the club's leading scorer last season, has not yet signed a new contract but is likely to start the season. King has money to spend if the need arises.

Tranmere's rivals are likely to be led by Bury, whose manager, Sam Ellis, has bought four players for a total of more than £400,000 during the summer. McGinley, who came from Shrewsbury Town, will be expected to provide goals, a burden made heavier by the departure of Hoyland, who scored 16 League goals last season. But the best of Ellis's buys may prove to be Stanislaus, an attacking full back who impressed many at Brentford last year.

Ellis is cautiously optimistic: "We won a lot of away games last season but were not tight enough at the back. But you always start a new season with hope."

Brentford's own promotion hopes seem unlikely to survive the loss of Stanislaus and, more importantly, Steve Perryman, who resigned as manager last week. The other West London club, Fulham, will hope to improve on a poor performance last year under their new manager, Alan Dicks.

Bournemouth's return to the third has been overshadowed by the serious injury suffered by their manager, Harry Redknapp, in a car accident. Stuart Morgan, the youth development officer, is holding the reins until Redknapp recovers.

Bolton Wanderers, under the guiding hand of Phil Neal, are strong in defence and therefore likely to be among the other promotion contenders despite making no close-season changes.

Of the promoted teams, only Exeter City, the champions of the fourth last year, seem likely to prosper and they will need to improve their performance away from home. Grimsby Town should hold their own but both Southend United, who lost their leading scorer, Crown, to Gillingham, and Cambridge United may struggle.

Chesterfield might have fared better than either of these two in the third division this season but, as they lost in the play-off final to Cambridge, they will instead be the favourites to gain promotion from the fourth division.

Paul Hart, their manager, has been able to make only two additions to his squad, completing the signing of Lee Francis, an impressive young full back, from Arsenal and John Cooke from Stockport County, both on free transfers. Waller, the club's leading scorer last season, has not agreed new terms and will miss the beginning of the season with a knee injury.

Hart is one of several experts who feel that Peterborough United, under the management of Mark Lawrenson, will be strong contenders. Last season, a well-organised defence took them to the fringes of the promotion race but the addition of Bremner, a forward from Brighton and Hove Albion who should thrive in the fourth division, could carry them further this year.

Maidstone United, who reached the play-offs in their first season in the League, are unlikely to be greatly weakened by the loss of Barton, a midfield player, to Wimbledon. His place will go to Madden, who arrived on a free transfer from Crystal Palace.

Gillingham and Stockport should be in the hunt again and, of the relegated teams, Cardiff City, who have added Heard and Jones, are expected to do well. Walsall may respond to their new surroundings at Bescot Stadium but neither Northampton Town nor Blackpool suggest any obvious reason for optimism.

Final preparations: King (right) supervising training yesterday with Ray Mathias and Warwick Rimmer (left)

ATTENDANCES IN 1988-89 AND 1989-90

THIRD DIVISION

Club	1988-89 Total	1988-89 Avge	1989-90 Total	1989-90 Avge	Diff
Birmingham	144,095	6,265	195,881	8,516	+2,251
Blackpool	98,348	4,276	93,328	4,058	-218
Bolton	127,144	5,528	159,178	6,921	+1,393
Brentford	130,863	5,681	130,206	5,661	-20
Bristol C	186,760	8,120	265,508	11,544	+3,424
Bristol R	120,957	5,259	143,068	6,220	+961
Bury	77,441	3,367	77,857	3,385	+18
Cardiff	100,832	4,384	83,756	3,641	-743
Chester	70,265	3,055	72,186	3,138	+83
Crewe	75,808	3,296	92,177	4,008	+712
Fulham	113,574	4,938	103,128	4,484	-454
Huddersfield	133,883	5,821	129,493	5,630	-191
L Orient	87,239	3,793	100,397	4,365	+572
Mansfield	92,115	4,005	71,901	3,126	-879
Northampton	90,114	3,918	73,214	3,183	-735
Notts Co	130,525	5,675	134,568	5,851	+176
Preston NE	177,951	7,737	145,180	6,312	-1,425
Reading	117,415	5,105	93,832	4,080	-1,025
Rotherham	116,449	5,063	128,254	5,576	+513
Shrewsbury	108,238	4,705	80,161	3,485	-1,221
Swansea	112,608	4,896	96,935	4,215	-681
Tranmere	122,613	5,331	171,257	7,446	+2,115
Walsall	140,484	6,108	93,776	4,077	-2,031
Wigan	72,473	3,151	63,672	2,768	-383

FOURTH DIVISION

Club	1988-89 Total	1988-89 Avge	1989-90 Total	1989-90 Avge	Diff
Aldershot	60,007	2,609	46,529	2,023	-586
Burnley	162,426	7,062	143,014	6,218	-844
Cambridge	61,019	2,653	77,211	3,357	+704
Carlisle	73,048	3,176	106,905	4,735	+1,559
Chesterfield	85,491	3,717	95,163	4,181	+464
Colchester	66,539	2,893	72,634	3,158	+265
Doncaster	49,634	2,158	62,290	2,708	+550
Exeter	61,617	2,679	111,588	4,851	+2,172
Gillingham	84,525	3,675	88,260	3,837	+162
Grimsby	98,946	4,302	136,928	5,953	+1,651
Halifax	44,758	1,948	43,433	1,889	-58
Hartlepool	47,104	2,048	58,334	2,536	+488
Hereford	49,036	2,132	61,973	2,694	+562
Lincoln	89,401	3,887	93,629	4,070	+183
Maidstone	20,740	1,037	55,856	2,428	+1,391
Peterboro	76,072	3,264	111,002	4,826	+1,562
Rochdale	45,264	1,968	46,600	2,026	+58
Scarborough	68,103	2,961	53,470	2,324	-637
Scunthorpe	104,581	4,547	81,007	3,522	-1,025
Southend	85,077	3,699	85,073	3,696	-3
Stockport	64,216	2,792	88,716	3,857	+1,065
Torquay	54,027	2,349	49,091	2,134	-215
Wrexham	60,628	2,636	54,450	2,367	-269
York	60,099	2,613	60,061	2,613	-1

CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISIONS

Third division

Birmingham City
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Bolton Wanderers
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Bournemouth
TRANSFERS: In: T Pulis (Gillingham, free). Out: None.

Bradford City
TRANSFERS: In: S McCarthy (Plymouth, £250,000); M Stuart (Plymouth, £80,000); R James (Swansea, tribunal). Out: D Evans (Halifax, free); M Aizlewood (Bristol City, £125,000); A Davies (Swansea, free).

Brentford
TRANSFERS: In: G Benstead (Sheffield Utd, £70,000). Out: R Stanislaus (Bury, £90,000).

Bury
TRANSFERS: In: J McGinlay (Shrewsbury, £175,000); C Greenhall (Oxford, £125,000); R Mauge (Fulham, tribunal); R Stanislaus (Brentford, £90,000). Out: J Hoyland (Sheffield Utd, tribunal).

Cambridge United
TRANSFERS: In: R Wilkin (Colchester, £65,000). Out: None.

Chester City
TRANSFERS: In: N Ellis (Bangor, £7,500). Out: C Woodthorpe (Norwich, £175,000).

Crewe Alexandra
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Exeter City
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Fulham
TRANSFERS: In: S Rocastle (Norwich, free); M Kelly (Cardiff, £31,000). Out: G Barnett (Huddersfield, £27,500); R Mauge (Bury, tribunal); G Elkin (Wimbledon, £20,000); C Walker (Brighton, £20,000).

Grimsby Town
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Huddersfield Town
TRANSFERS: In: G Barnett (Fulham, £27,500); I Roberts (Watford, £275,000). Out: C Hutchings (Walsall, free); C Maskell (Reading, tribunal); A May (Bristol City, £90,000).

Leyton Orient
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: P Beesley (Sheffield Utd, £300,000).

Mansfield Town
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Preston North End
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Reading
TRANSFERS: In: K McPherson (Northampton, tribunal); F Streete (Wolverhampton, free); C Maskell (Huddersfield, tribunal). Out: M Tait (Darlington, free).

Rotherham United
TRANSFERS: In: N Law (Notts County, £35,000); G Forrest (Southampton, free). Out: P Heard (Cardiff, free).

Shrewsbury Town
TRANSFERS: In: M Heathcote (Sunderland, £55,000); M Blake (Southampton, £100,000). Out: J McGinlay (Bury, £175,000).

Southend United
TRANSFERS: In: B Angell (Stockport, tribunal). Out: D Crown (Gillingham, £50,000); J Edinburgh (Tottenham, £150,000).

Stoke City
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: A Holmes (Doncaster, free); S Barrett (Colchester, free).

Swansea City
TRANSFERS: In: A Watson (Halifax, £40,000); T Connor (Portsmouth, tribunal); A Davies (Bradford, free). Out: A Melville (Oxford, £275,000); J Hughes (Falkirk, £70,000); R James (Bradford, tribunal).

Tranmere Rovers
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Wigan Athletic
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: N Whitworth (Manchester Utd, £150,000).

Fourth division

Aldershot
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Blackpool
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: S Morgan (Plymouth, £115,000); G Hobson (Plymouth, £115,000).

Burnley
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Cardiff City
TRANSFERS: In: P Heard (Rotherham, free); M Jones (Swindon, free). Out: M Kelly (Fulham, £31,000).

Carlisle United
TRANSFERS: In: E Gates (Sunderland, free); I Taylor (Bridlington, £3,000). Out: None.

Chesterfield
TRANSFERS: In: L Francis (Arsenal, free). Out: None.

Darlington
TRANSFERS: In: M Tait (Reading, free). Out: C Hope (Nottm Forest, £50,000).

Doncaster Rovers
TRANSFERS: In: A Holmes (Stoke, free); E Gormley (Tottenham, free). Out: None.

Gillingham
TRANSFERS: In: D Crown (Southend, £50,000). Out: T Pulis (Bournemouth, free).

Halifax Town
TRANSFERS: In: P Futcher (Barnsley, free); D Evans (Bradford, free); T Gregory (Sheffield Wed, free). Out: N Matthews (Stockport, £70,000); A Watson (Swansea, £40,000).

Hartlepool United
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Hereford United
TRANSFERS: In: N Vaughan (Wolverhampton, free). Out: None.

Lincoln City
TRANSFERS: In: S Dunphy (Barnsley, £30,000). Out: None.

Maidstone United
TRANSFERS: In: L Henry (Watford, £40,000); D Madden (Crystal Palace, free). Out: W Barton (Wimbledon, £300,000).

Northampton Town
TRANSFERS: In: G Campbell (Plymouth, free). Out: W Donald (Colchester, free); K McPherson (Reading, tribunal); R Wilcox (Hull, £80,000).

Peterborough United
TRANSFERS: In: P Bradshaw (West Bromwich, free); K Bremner (Brighton, £18,000). Out: None.

Rochdale
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Scarborough
TRANSFERS: In: P Mudd (Hull, £5,000). Out: None.

Scunthorpe United
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

Stockport County
TRANSFERS: In: N Matthews (Halifax, £70,000); P Cooper (Manchester City, free). Out: B Angell (Southend, tribunal).

Torquay United
TRANSFERS: In: T Tynan (Plymouth, free); W Saunders (Dundee, £60,000). Out: None.

Walsall
TRANSFERS: In: D Barnett (West Bromwich, free); C Hutchings (Huddersfield, free). Out: None.

Wrexham
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

York City
TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: None.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Welsh leave rivals ten points adrift

By JANE WYATT

WALES took a commanding lead in the early stages of the home countries international bowls championship at Cwmbran, and went on to finish with 24 points, ten ahead of second-placed Scotland. The dominant Welsh dropped only a handfull of games during the competition.

Once Wales had shown themselves to be uncatchable, the excitement rested on the remaining positions, which were only determined in the final session. Scotland finished on 14 points, England on 12 and Northern Ireland on 10. It was Scotland's best performance at a home international, reflecting the narrowing gap between the countries as standards improve.

The trophy for the outstanding player of the match went to Angela Hendry, of Northern Ireland, who has just returned to the game after an operation.

In reponse to the growing interest in bowls, a special coaching event is being held in September at Thornbury, near Bristol, to demonstrate the sport as it applies to people with disabilities.

Players with visual handicaps, cerebral palsy, paraplegia, mental impairment and amputees, will show how they tackle bowls using different abilities in the hope that coaches will then be stimulated to encourage more people into their clubs. The event is being jointly organised by the England Bowls Association and the south-west region of the Sports Council.

Sandy Gregory, from Glasgow, has set a new British record at the British Sports Association for the Disabled national archery championships at Dunchurch, near Rugby. Gregory took the men's FITA title beating last year's winner, Alf Weldon, from Wolverhampton.

In the ladies' FITA, last year's runner-up, Pat Rook, from Wolverhampton, beat Denise Ramsay, from Old Knebworth, by two points. In the sections for archers with visual handicaps, Adrian Bass, aged 20, from Northampton, was the men's winner and Pam Hackett, from Altrincham, won the women's title.

Percy Powell took the advanced metric event, Richard Mathers the short metric, Vic Wyatt the compound, and Graham Clarke the light draw weight. In the women's section, Wendy Morrell won the advanced metric competition, and Dawn Whitley finished in first place in the short metric.

BRIDGE

Burn and Price answer Geneva team selectors

By ALBERT DORMER

THE English Bridge Union's summer meeting, marking the start of the tournament season, is under way at the Brighton Conference Centre. A record 574 pairs took part in the opening event, the Swiss pairs.

A remarkable performance overshadowed everything else: David Burn and David Price retained their trophy by a very comfortable margin with the outstanding score of 220 out of a maximum 260 points.

It was an awkward result for the selectors, who have just dropped the pair from the British Bridge League squad to contest the world knockout team championships in Geneva in two weeks. In second place were two more internationals, Peter Czerniewski and Brian Senior. Third were Unal Durmus and Norman Selway.

Peter Dunsby, a member of the British under-25 team, won the junior prize at the expense of his sister, Sally Dunsby, aged 17, who, partnered by Heather Dunstam, was ranked second.

Sally Dunsby has performed creditably in the home international series for the Lady Milne Cup and could be a contender for the women's European championship squad next year, making her one of the youngest-ever competitors at this level.

The Summer Meeting continues to grow in prestige as well as numbers, with matches this week between the United Kingdom, Denmark, Norway, Turkey and Australia.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
7.30 unless stated

European Cup Winners' Cup Preliminary round, first leg
Bray Wanderers v Trabzonspor (at Tolka Park)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Boston v Fisher
Welling v Colchester

Skol Cup
Second round
Celtic v Ayr (8.0)
Falkirk v Partick
Meadowbank v Hibernian (at Raith)
Cowdenbeath v Hearts (at Dunfermline, 8.0)
St Mirren v Arbroath

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Redbridge Forest v Grays; Wokingham v Wivenhoe (7.45). First division: Chesham v Tooting and Mitcham. Second division north: Royston v Barton. Second division south: Feltham v Malden Vale.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Gainsborough; South Liverpool v Hyde. First division: Caernarfon v Warrington; Congleton v Rhyl; Lancaster v Workington; Whitley Bay v Netherfield; Winsford v Newtown.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Wealdstone; Cambridge v Dartford; VS Rugby v Bromsgrove; Weymouth v Gloucester. Midland division: Alvechurch v Barry; Dudley v Hinkley; Newport v Redditch (7.45). Southern division: Burnham v Buckingham; Canterbury v Hythe; Dunstable v Bury; Fareham v Hastings.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe v Prescot; Leyland DAF v Vauxhall GM; Penrith v Knowsley; Skelmersdale v Bacup.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Liskeard (7.45); Chard v Plymouth Argyle (7.45); Chippenham v Clevedon; Dawlish v Torrington (7.45); Otery St Mary v Radstock (7.45); Saltash v Barnstaple (7.45); Welton v Bristol Manor Farm; Weston-super-Mare v Frome.

CRICKET
11.0, 104 overs minimum
EBBW VALE: Glamorgan v Sri Lankans
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire; Cardiff: Glamorgan v Derbyshire; Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire; Canterbury: Kent v Northamptonshire; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire; Enfield: Middlesex v Somerset; Worthington Simpson: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: St Austell: Cornwall v Dorset; Colwyn Bay: Wales MC v Wiltshire.

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: Woolwich national championships (Worthing).
GOLF: Ram Classic (Erskine); British women's amateur strokeplay championship (Strathaven); youth international (Southerness).
TENNIS: Prudential British junior championships (Eastbourne).
YACHTING: National 12s (Llandudno).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL: Screensport 14.30-16.30 and 21.00-23.00: Major League highlights from the United States.
BOXING: Screensport 07.00-08.30: Professional event from the United States: BSB 14.00-15.00 and Eurosport 21.00-22.00.
CYCLING: Eurosport 15.00-16.00: Highlights of the Tour of The Netherlands.
EQUESTRIANISM: Screensport 20.00-21.00 and 23.00-01.00: Show jumping: Highlights of the Nations Cup.
EUROSPORT SPORTS NEWS: 09.00-10.00, 18.00-19.00 and midnight-01.00.
FENCING: Eurosport 14.00-15.00 and 20.00-21.00: Highlights of the World Championships from Lyons.
FOOTBALL: Screensport 17.00-17.30 and 19.00-20.00: Highlights of the Encsada Tournament: BSB 20.00-22.00: Highlights of the Skol Cup: Celtic v Ayr.
GOLF: Screensport 10.30-11.30 and 21.00-23.00: Highlights of the Women's Open from Belgium and The International from Colorado: Eurosport 13.00-14.00: Highlights of the Old Shoucout.
HOCKEY: Eurosport 16.00-17.00: Highlights of Netherlands v Pakistan from Amsterdam.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 11.00-13.00: Highlights of the world prototype championships from Germany and British touring car and F3000 championships: Screensport 16.30-17.00 and 18.00-19.00: Highlights of the German rally championships and IMSA GTP: BSB 23.00-midnight: On Four Wheels.
POLO: Screensport 09.30-10.30: Highlights of the Cartier International from the Guard's Club.
POWERSPORTS INTERNARIONAL: Screensport 08.30-09.30.
RACING: BSB 13.30-14.00 and 22.00-22.30: Racing news.
SPORTSDESK: BSB 13.25, 18.00, 19.30, 22.30 and midnight.
SURFING: Screensport 11.30-12.15: Pro-tour highlights: Eurosport 17.00-18.00: Highlights of the Ocean Pacific Tournament from California.
TENNIS: BSB 18.30-19.30: Tennis Magazine.
TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 13.15-14.30: Pro Bowlers Association.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 22.00-23.00.
VOLLEYBALL: Eurosport 10.00-11.00: International highlights.

Improving Star Lord to take command in competitive Ebor

By MANDARIN

NEWMARKET stables look set to dominate the middle day of York's star-studded Ebor meeting this afternoon with **Hellenic**, **Star Lord** and **Mujtahid** taken to capture the three principal prizes.

Star Lord, laid out all season for the Ebor, can give Alec Stewart and Michael Roberts their second success in the last four runnings of the Tote-sponsored handicap following Daarkom's 1987 victory.

Unraced at two, Star Lord did not appear on a racecourse until 12 months ago and has run only five times in all.

After opening his account at the third attempt in a conditions race over today's course and distance last October, Star Lord entered many notebooks as one to follow this season when second in a valuable backend Newbury handicap.

The son of Lord Gayle failed by only a short head to master the useful and far more experienced Empire Blue with the pair four lengths clear and a host of good horses such as Black Monday, Starlet and Summer Fashion behind.

Star Lord has had just one run this term, again catching the eye when staying on to be third behind Opera Ghost over an inadequate 1½ miles at York last month.

The dangers are inevitably numerous with Barrish, Off The Record and Trainglot principal among them. However, in the belief that Star Lord, like Daarkom, may be a pattern horse in the making, he is awarded the nap.

All eyes will be on Mujtahid in the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes as the 2,000 Guineas favourite endeavours to sustain the excellent impression he created when powering past Mac's Imp in the July Stakes at Newmarket.

Stewart: hoping for another Ebor success

With Mac's Imp carrying all before him prior to and since Newmarket, that was without question the outstanding two-year-old performance of the season and Mujtahid cannot logically be opposed.

Mystiko, another impressive Newmarket winner, has also been backed for the Guineas at this early stage of proceedings but Regal Sabre, held in high regard by Richard Hannon, is preferred for the forecast.

Hannon and Tony Budge are trying to land this coveted prize for the third successive season following the victories of Sharp N' Early and Rock City, but they may have to be content with the runner-up spot this time.

Hellenic is given a narrow vote over her stable companion, Kartajana, in the Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks in the belief that her proven stamina will be decisive.

Kartajana has looked a high-class filly in winning at Newbury and Goodwood but she disappointed on her only attempt at today's trip when plum last in the Oaks.

In contrast, Hellenic was a six-length winner over today's distance in the Ribblesdale and she seems sure to relish this long testing straight.

Walter Swinburn lingered long over his decision before plumping for Kartajana, and, not for the first time, I believe he may have made the wrong choice.

Wajd, forced to miss the Oaks through injury, is unbeaten in three races in France but steps up in class here and Game Plan, the under-rated Oaks runner-up, may emerge as the chief threat to Hellenic.

Robert Armstrong, Mujtahid's trainer, can complete a two-year-old double in the Roses Stakes with **Mujadil**, who failed to last home when tried over six furlongs in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood last time.

Back over the minimum trip here, Mujadil will be hard to beat if reproducing the form of his short-head Sandown second to Distinctly North.

Another who will appreciate a return to five furlongs is Tom Jones's consistent sprinter, **Ra'a** in the Falmouth Handicap. His form over six furlongs includes a third behind Tod and Dayjur at Newbury in May and a similar placing behind Sharp N' Early in a Lingfield listed race the following month.

● Cath Walwyn saddles her first runner since taking over the licence from her husband, Fulke, when The Pursewarden challenges for the Eartham Handicap Hurdle at Fontwell Park today.

Blinkered first time

YORK: 2.5 Call At Eight, Mystical Flower. YARMOUTH: 2.50 Monolulu's Surprise, Sweet Sharpo.

Carter's colt lands a gamble

WALTER Carter's successful Epsom stable, on the mark with Petite Butterfly at Windsor on Monday, continued in good form when landing a 27½-1 double at Folkestone yesterday

Susanna's Secret landed a minor gamble from 25-1 to 11-1 in the Canterbury Handicap. The colt had never been in the frame before but was always in the first four here and Billy Newnes produced him to collar Grey Rum well inside the final furlong and win cleverly by a length.

Carter, now on the 16 mark, said: "I've had Susanna's Secret for about three months. His race at Yarmouth last week was his first for me and they went a bit too quick for him there and he blew up. He's a round-barrelled horse, thick-winded and still as green as grass. He can only improve."

Richard Fox tried to steal the Leas Selling Stakes, dashing Bundle Of Luck into a long lead and having his rivals in a panic at halfway. But Bundle Of Luck ran out of steam in the closing stages and, as the field closed up, Nicky Carlisle popped Jagjet nimbly through a gap to lead entering the final furlong and complete Carter's double by two lengths.

Ian Johnson was in the winner's enclosure for the first time since the fall that ended his riding career at Doncaster's St Leger meeting almost a year ago. This time Johnson was saddling Inspired Love on behalf of John Yardley.

After the grey mare had pegged back Khorevo inside the final furlong to take the Cheriton Handicap by two lengths, he said: "I used to ride for John and we discuss prospects on the telephone quite a lot. But I still haven't got a job."

FONTWELL PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Final Flutter. 2.0 The Pursewarden. 2.30 Smallwood Willet. 3.0 Tring Park. 3.30 Media Leader. 4.0 Spofforth.

Going: good to firm

1.30 OVING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1 081- MISS ARK ROYAL 72F (CD,F) A Davison 5-11-10 S Murphy (3)
2 06-2 FINAL FLUTTER 12 (F,G) A Moore 5-11-8 G Crone (5)
3 60-2 DECIDING BID 12 J Long 4-11-8 Leesa Long (5)
4 6-01 TIGER TIGER 12 (F) Ronald Thompson 5-11-7 M Leese (5)
5 66-3 LUCKY OAK 12 (B) R Hoad 4-10-6 M Hoad
6 05/4 KUMZAR 11 J Bradley 6-10-1 L Davies (7)
7 P-F3 SNAPSHOT BABY 8 (B) R Voorspuy 6-10-0 S McKeever (7)

7-4 Deciding Bid, 3-1 Tiger Tiger, 9-2 Miss Ark Royal, 13-2 Final Flutter, 8-1 Snapshot Baby, 20-1 others.

2.0 EARTHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,882: 2m 2f) (5)

1 51P- THE PURSEWARDEN 118 (CD,F) Mrs F Walwyn 7-12-0 K Mooney
2 214- SOLSTICE BELL 368 (B,CD,F) R Voorspuy 8-11-0 M Kinane
3 251- STRIKE A CHORD 82 (F) Miss G Doller 5-10-11 R Boucher (7)
4 40-1 FIGHTING DAYS 8 (CD,F) A Moore 4-10-11 (6ex) G Moore
5 166- KATY LOU 184 (CD,F) Miss B Sanders 4-10-2 Dale McKeown

6-4 Fighting Days, 11-4 The Pursewarden, 9-2 Strike A Chord, 11-2 Katy Lou, 12-1 Solstice Bell.

2.30 TRUNDLE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,681: 2m 2f 110yd) (2)

1 21-3 SMALLWOOD WILLET 13 (F) P Hobbs 10-11-10 Peter Hobbs
2 423- THE UNDERGRADUATE 239 (B) C Trietline 11-10-11 R Supple

2-5 Smallwood Willet, 7-4 The Undergraduate.

3.0 ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m 2f) (5)

1 1 SALMON PRINCE 8 (C,F) Miss B Sanders 4-11-2 Dale McKeown
2 4P-1 TRING PARK 13 (F) R Curtis 4-11-2 R Goldstein
3 U0U- DECRETO 169 M Madgwick 9-10-12 D Madgwick (7)
4 TREVOSE 35F A Denson 5-10-12 L Harvey
5 666- SHOWDOWN 15F A Moore 4-10-10 G Moore

11-8 Salmon Prince, 9-4 Tring Park, 5-2 Showdown, 14-1 Trevose, 25-1 Decreto.

3.30 TANGMERE NOVICES CHASE (£2,095: 2m 2f 110yd) (7)

1 3-P1 CONNAUGHT CLEANERS 4 (F) K Wingrove 10-11-12 R Supple
2 66-1 RIBOT STAR 12 (F,G,S) J Long 11-11-12 R Rowell
3 43P- SMART SLAVE 153 (G) Miss L Bower 7-11-6 R Dunwoody
4 P- HALEY OF APPLETON 107 T Reid 11-11-1 M Perrett
5 PP-2 MEDIA LEADER 8 R Hodges 10-11-1 G McCourt
6 0P0/ POPTHORN 1614 J Elliott 7-11-1 R Guest
7 04-4 WORTHY LIGHT 19 C Trietline 9-11-1 P Caldwell

5-4 Ribot Star, 2-1 Media Leader, 9-2 Smart Slave, 10-1 Worthy Light, 20-1 others.

4.0 FORD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,506: 2m 2f) (7)

1 1 ONLY THE LONELY 8 (V,F) G Balding 11-2 R Guest
2 1 SPOFFORTH 8 (CD,F) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-2 S Smith Eccles
3 CLEAN AND POLISH 27F A Denson 10-10 L Harvey
4 EWHONOSEBEST A Moore 10-10 G Moore
5 NIDOMI 60F G Enright 10-10 M Perrett
6 3 SANDSUMO 12 M Tompkins 10-10 R Dunwoody
7 BLUEFONTAINE 28F P Howling 10-5 M Kinane

7-4 Spofforth, 7-2 Sandsumo, 9-2 Only The Lonely, 5-1 Nidomi, 10-1 Clean And Polish, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Pritchard-Gordon, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; Miss B Sanders, 8 from 41, 19.5%; A Davison, 6 from 31, 19.4%; J Bradley, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Hobbs, 3 from 22, 13.6%; M Madgwick, 8 from 75, 10.7%.

JOCKEYS: S Murphy 3 winners from 4 rides, 75.0%; S Smith Eccles, 17 from 63, 27.0%; G McCourt, 11 from 54, 20.4%; R Dunwoody, 24 from 146, 16.4%; Dale McKeown, 11 from 68, 16.2%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 63, 15.9%.

● Hereford's new £750,000 stand is to be opened before racing starts on Saturday. The building has eight private boxes, Tote betting facilities, bar and restaurant.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

York

Going: good

2.5 (7f) 1, SEDAIR (S Cauthen, 13-8); 2, Plan Of Action (Paul Eddery, 17-2); 3, Bog Trotter (W Carson, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Act of Diplomacy (5th), 10 River Sulr, 40 Character, 50 Solde (4th), Honing Stone (6th). 8 ran. ¾l, 2l, 2½l, nk, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £10.80. CSF: £13.70. 1min 26.03sec.

2.35 (1m 6f) 1, SHAMBO (M Roberts, 14-1); 2, Great Marquess (Paul Eddery, 10-1); 3, Pashto (M Hills, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Millionaire's Row, 9 Ariel Star (6th), 10 Crystal Spirit, Gadabout, 11 Pipitina (4th), 12 Gay Glint (5th), Besito, 16 Beau Quest, 20 Tomahawk, Surcoat, 25 Elmaftun. 14 ran. Hd, 5l, 1½l, hd, 2½l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £15.50; £3.50, £4.00, £10.20. DF: £82.80. CSF: £138.99. Tricast: £2,071.49. 2min 57.20sec.

3.10 JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (Group I: £180,338: 1m 2f 110yd)

IN THE GROOVE b f Night Shift - Pine Ridge (B Cooper) 3-8-9 S Cauthen (4-1) 1
Elmaamul ch c Diesis - Modena (H Al-Maktoum) 3-8-12 W Carson (7-2) 2
Batshoof b c Sadler's Wells - Steel Habit (M Salem) 4-9-6 Pat Eddery (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-2 Dolpour (5th), 11 Terimon (4th), 14 Dashing Blade, 16 Relief Pitcher, Negligent, 33 Missionary Ridge (6th). 9 ran. 1½l, 2½l, ½l, ¾l, 5l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £8.70. CSF: £16.98. 2min 09.77sec. After stewards' enquiry the result stood.

3.45 GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £50,885: 1m 4f)

BELMEZ b c El Gran Senor - Grace Note (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 S Cauthen (1-2 fav) 1
Snurge ch c Ela-Mana-Mou - Finlandia (M Arbib) 8-9 T Quinn (22-1) 2
Karinga Bay ch c Ardross - Handy Dancer (K Higson) 8-9 B Rouse (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Blue Stag (4th), 14 Starstreak (5th). 5 ran. Hd, 8l, ¾l, 8l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £3.70. DF: £7.40. CSF: £9.11. 2min 30.29sec.

4.15 (6f) 1, BERTIE WOOSTER (M Roberts, 12-1); 2, Polar Bird (M Hills, 20-1); 3, That's The One (N Connorton, 20-1); 4, Duckington (M Birch, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 fav Malunar, 15-2 Ysatirous, 8 Ajanac, 9 Absolution, The Kings Daughter, 14 Luna Bid, Slades Hill, 16 Bocas Rose, Resolute Bay (5th), 18 Baysham, 20 Profilic, Rose Glen, 22 Dist, 25 Premier Touch (6th), 100 Waverley Star. 19 ran. ½l, 2l, 1½l, ½l, hd. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £15.40; £3.00, £6.00, £7.30, £2.30. DF: £172.50. CSF: £212.01. Tricast: £4,272.66. 1min 11.26sec.

4.45 (2m) 1, CHELSEA GIRL (W Carson, 12-1); 2, Tyrone Bridge (P Shanahan, 10-3); 3, Wajna (W Ryan, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Teamster (pu), 22 Sudden Victory (4th). 5 ran. 6l, 8l, 30l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £7.00; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £14.60. CSF: £45.71. 3min 24.40sec.

5.15 (7f) 1, SIPSI FACH (R Price, 14-1); 2, Northern Conqueror (F Norton, 20-1); 3, Highland Spirit (N Adams, 20-1); 4, Pay Homage (S Cauthen, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Quaglino, 15-2 Adwick Park, 9 Green's Trilogy, 10 Never So Sure, 12 City Sciece, Panama Pete, Pims Gunner, 16 Swift Sword (6th), Final Deed, Held In Suspense, 20 Azureus (5th), Dancing Tudor, 25 Valid Point, Madagans Grey, Hyssop, 33 Crimson Cloud, 50 East Barns. 21 ran. Hd, sh hd, ¾l, 1½l, ½l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £22.90; £4.30, £10.50, £4.80, £2.80. DF: £243.50. CSF: £273.19. Tricast: £5,056.45. 1min 25.79s.

Jackpot: £31,801.70 Placepot: £596.30

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

1.45 (6f) 1, TABYAN (G Baxter, 11-10 jt-fav); 2, Ehudiud (W Newnes, 11-10 jt-fav); 3, Comedy River (G Hind, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Floret (5th), 50 Phlaus (4th). 5 ran. 2½l, nk, 10l, 1l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £2.20; £1.80, £1.20. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.54.

2.15 (7f) 1, SUSANNA'S SECRET (W Newnes, 11-1); 2, Grey Rum (Dale Gibson, 11-4 jt-fav); 3, Helawe (C Nutter, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt-fav Mizuwari (4th), 7-2 Final Enigma (6th), 16 Polykratis (5th), 50 Nazakat. 7 ran. NR: Al-Torfanan. 1l, 2½l, 1l, nk, hd. W Carter at Epsom. Tote: £8.30; £2.40, £1.80. DF: £13.10. CSF: £37.49. Tricast: £132.58.

2.50 (1m 2f) 1, JAGJET (N Carlisle, 11-8 fav); 2, Reef Wind (N Kennedy, 4-1); 3, Chiefs Kraal (S Whitworth, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Twilight Fantasy (4th), 9-2 Bundle Of Luck (5th), 25 Snow Shy (6th). 6 ran. 2l, 4l, hd, 1½l, 5l. W Carter at Epsom. Tote: £2.70; £1.80, £2.50. DF: £6.30. CSF: £6.84. No bid.

3.25 (6f) 1, BEAU DADA (T Sprake, 8-1); 2, Designer Stubble (J Williams, 9-4 fav); 3, Debjanjo (S Whitworth, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Detour (4th), 10 Interloper, 12 Proud Brigadier (6th), 14 Miss Praslin, 16 Oak Park (5th), Belle Danseuse, Caesars Niece, 25 Midas Blue. 11 ran. 2l, sh hd, hd, 10l, nk. P Makin at Ogbourne Maisey. Tote: £11.30; £3.80, £1.30, £3.00. DF: £11.30. CSF: £25.92.

3.55 (1m 2f) 1, VICEROY EXPRESS (S Whitworth, 10-1); 2, First Avenue (Dale Gibson, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Sallys Won (A McGlone, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav My Diamond Ring (5th), 6 Al Shany (6th), 8 Sao Paulo, Gilded Past, Bronze Runner (4th), 11 Scots Law, 14 Gray Tudor, 25 Muari. 11 ran. NR: Sonic Lord. 3l, 1l, ¾l, 1½l, ½l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £8.70; £3.20, £1.70, £4.30. DF: £46.70. CSF: £40.32. Tricast: £352.18.

4.25 (1m 4f) 1, INSPIRED LOVE (J Quinn, 5-1); 2, Khorevo (D Biggs, 3-1); 3, Emphidelet (A Clark, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Excelsis (5th), 3 To Be Fair (4th). 5 ran. 2l, 4l, 10l, 8l. F Yardley at Droitwich. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £3.20. DF: £6.50. CSF: £19.18.

Placepot: £134.10.

Close call for Eddery

PAT Eddery, riding Batshoof, narrowly avoided being hit by a car on his way to the start of yesterday's Juddmonte International Stakes at York.

Eddery had to pull hard on his reins to avoid being run down by the car which shot across the course into the tented village. "It missed me by inches." Eddery said. "If it had been any closer I might have been killed."

The stewards were told by John Smith, the clerk of the course, that the police patrol normally on duty at that point was not in position and immediate steps were taken to remedy the situation.

Little opposition to French Glory

From OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DEAUVILLE

PAT Eddery can take the honours on the final Sunday of Deauville's August festival by partnering French Glory to victory in the group two Grand Prix de Deauville Lancel.

The race has been reshaped this year to turn it into a major trial for October's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe — the distance having been cut to an extended 12 furlongs and the prize-money raised to over FFr500,000.

But unfortunately the race has attracted neither the number nor the class of horse needed to give Khaled Abdulla's four-year-old a serious test.

French Glory has improved this season and picked up a penalty for Sunday's race when he beat Lights Out, who reopposes, by a nose in the Prix Maurice de Nieuil over this trip at Maisons-Laffitte last month.

Considering this is a race that British trainers have won twice in recent years, the lack of a credible cross-Channel raider is disappointing. Observation Post is a possible runner, but he finds it very difficult to get his head in front these days.

Alex Scott's Jameelaty is the only British entry in the afternoon's second group contest, the Prix du Calvados, in which local interest centres on Green Pola, who gave Alan Clore his first success since his return to racing at the start of this year.

On the Saturday, Henry Cecil runs Monsagem in the group three Prix Quincey and the four-year-old could be joined by a second Sheikh Mohammed colt, Field Glass.

The crisis in the Gulf has had far-reaching repercussions in the world of the thoroughbred. As at the Saratoga sales a fortnight ago, Arab buyers, for the first time in a decade, were conspicuous by their absence. However, into the breach have stepped Japanese buyers, who have contributed some 35 per cent of the total sales aggregate after the first three sessions of the week-long sale.

Pessimism was rife among the French breeders before the sales opened. But after a 20 per cent drop on the opening day of the sale, the returns have held up well and both buyers and vendors have pronounced themselves satisfied with the market.

The top lot of the sale was predictably an offspring of Sadler's Wells. The vendors Francois Rohaut and Robert Sangster had turned down an offer of FFr6 million from Sheikh Mohammed earlier this summer and must have been relieved to see the yearling filly, a half-sister to the group one winning filly, Balbonella, fetch FFr6.5 million in the ring. The buyer was Kihachiro Watanabe.

YORK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.05 My Alma.	2.05 Lady Jemma.
2.35 Hellenic.	2.35 Hellenic.
3.10 STAR LORD (nap).	3.10 Star Lord.
3.45 Mujtahid.	3.45 Mujtahid.
4.15 Lord Of Tusmore.	4.15 HARD AS IRON (nap).
4.45 Mujadil.	4.45 Mujadil.
5.15 Ra'a.	5.15 Ra'a.

By Michael Seely

2.35 Hellenic. 3.10 FURTHER FLIGHT (nap). 5.15 Silver Singing.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.05 MY ALMA.

Going: good Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best SIS

2.5 ROUS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £8,675: 6f) (20 runners) C4

101 (10) 443440 CALL AT EIGHT 9 (B) (Triangle Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Etherington 8-11 K Darley 80
102 (5) 034440 DESIRE'S DOUBLE 19 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-11 M Wigham 67
103 (2) 04 GOLDEN ORCHY 47 (D Gorton) C Tinkler 8-11 P Burke 74
104 (4) 642454 HORSTAY 7 (R Hart) C Tinkler 8-11 W R Swinburn 89
105 (15) 0400 JAMAICA JOE 9 (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 M J Kinane 70
106 (1) 0020 JOLLY FISHERMAN 7 (Black Diamond Racing Plc) M Chapman 8-11 S Webster 68
107 (19) 4 PROSPORT 11 (Mrs J Thomas) N Bycroft 8-11 W Newnes 66
108 (11) 15 WILD PROSPECT 25 (D,G) (G Dyson) C Tinkler 8-11 M Birch 80
109 (20) 1 ZINGER 11 (Mrs P Barratt) W Pearce 8-11 D Nicholls 75
110 (6) 464433 BELLTINA 19 (B) (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 8-6 K Fallon 69
111 (18) 23 CHERRY DANCE 62 (BF) (A Wilson) C Thornton 8-6 J Bleasdale 78
112 (8) 3216 KINLET VISION 68 (F) (Wyre Foresters) J Berry 8-6 J Carroll 72
113 (17) 00 LADY JEMMA 12 (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 8-6 R Cochrane —
114 (16) 0 MRS BARTON 84 (Mrs B Hills) B Hills 8-6 M Hills —
115 (13) 331263 MY ALMA 4 (F) (G Farndon) R Whitaker 8-6 M Roberts ● 99
116 (14) 56 MYSTICAL FLOWER 28 (B) (A Yiatrou) R Woodhouse 8-6 V Deering (7) —
117 (3) ON THE REBOUND (Mrs P Valentine) W Haigh 8-6 Dean McKeown —
118 (12) 00 QUALITAIR PROMISE 11 (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 8-6 R Fox —
119 (9) 0030 THE GROOVY KIPPER 25 (D Riley) R Bastiman 8-6 M Wood 53
120 (7) 56 TOO MUCH CHAMPAGNE 25 (G Adamson) J S Wilson 8-6 J Fanning (7) —

BETTING: 5-2 My Alma, 3-1 Kinlet Vision, 9-2 Wild Prospect, 13-2 Zinger, 9-1 Call At Eight, 14-1 others.

1989: SUPER ONE 8-11 B Raymond (11-1) B Hanbury 20 ran

FORM FOCUS GOLDEN ORCHY stepped up on debut effort to finish 2½l 4th to Zermansky in Haydock claimer (6f, good to soft).
HORSTAY failed to quicken inside the final furlong when 3l 4th to Hooting Don on his latest start in a Beverley nursery (7f 110yd, good to firm); previously 6l 5th to Adwick Park in a Thirsk maiden (7f, firm) with DESIRE'S DOUBLE (6lb better off) 3l 7th. WILD PROSPECT led close home to beat Lucky Manley a neck on debut at Carlisle (6f, good) with CALL AT EIGHT (same terms) neck 3rd. ZINGER beat JOLLY FISHERMAN (same terms) 1½l on debut in Southwell seller (7f, standard). CHERRY DANCE made favourite for Ripon maiden (5f, good) and finished 1l 3rd to Graceland Lady. MY ALMA creditable 1l 3rd to Dale Hill Daisy in Wolverhampton nursery (5f, good to firm) last time; earlier 6l 2nd to Gipsy Fiddler at Pontefract (5f, firm).
Selection: MY ALMA (nap)

2.35 ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £76,423: 1m 4f) (6 runners) C4

201 (2) 112 CRUISING HEIGHT 46 (D,BF,G,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 Pat Eddery 92
202 (6) 3221 GAME PLAN 53 (S) (Mrs H Phillips) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts 91
203 (3) 4-11 HELLENIC 62 (CD,G,S) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 9-0 W Carson 98
204 (5) 1101 KARTAJANA 18 (F,G) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn ● 99
205 (1) 411-223 RUBY TIGER 59 (G,S) (Mrs P Blacker) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 81
206 (4) 111 WAJD 32 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 9-0 C Asmussen 92

BETTING: 11-8 Kartajana, 3-1 Hellenic, 4-1 Wajd, 8-1 Game Plan, 9-1 Cruising Height, 25-1 Ruby Tiger.

1989: ROSEATE TERN 9-0 W Carson (11-2) W Hern 5 ran

FORM FOCUS CRUISING HEIGHT beaten 6l by Pharian at Haydock (1m 4f, soft).
GAME PLAN gained first success when beating Caerless Writing 1½l in group two event at the Curragh (1m 2f, good to yielding); previously excellent 5l 2nd to Salsabil in the Oaks at Epsom (1m 4f, good to soft) with KARTAJANA (same terms) a below-par eighth and last. HELLENIC comfortably beat stable companion Ivrea 6l in Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft) last time; previously beat Ballet Classique 2l on reappearance at York (1m 2f 110yd, good). KARTAJANA returned to best when running on well to defeat Starlet 2l in Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm) earlier this month. RUBY TIGER one-paced 3l 3rd to Miss Alleged on latest start in group two event at Longchamp (1m 4f, soft); 2l 2nd to Pharian on last start in this country in listed event at Chester (1m 3f 70yd, good) in May. WAJD completed treble with ½l defeat of Echoes in group three event at Evry (1m 4f, good); previously impressive when beating Epistolienne 1l in listed event at Longchamp (1m 2f 110yd, good).
Selection: KARTAJANA

3.10 TOTE EBOR HANDICAP (£69,893: 1m 6f) (22 runners) C4

301 (8) 1/360-06 HORN DANCE 21 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 4-9-10 G Baxter 90
302 (18) 03-0244 LINPAC WEST 39 (S) (Linpac Group Ltd) C W Elsey 4-9-9 C Asmussen 98
303 (16) 1105-25 NASHID 60 (CD,BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 5-9-9 W Carson 93
304 (12) 1-03453 ROLL A DOLLAR 21 (F,G) (K Higson) D Elsworth 4-9-8 B Rouse 94
305 (9) 2-11060 BEAN KING 21 (C,F,G) (J Stone) R Armstrong 4-9-6 S Cauthen 97
306 (21) 2212-3 STAR LORD 40 (CD,F) (Mrs C Heath) A Stewart 4-9-5 M Roberts 94
307 (4) 611200- LOREN'S COURAGE 222J (F,G) (R Taiano) G Harwood 5-9-4 R Cochrane 85
308 (6) 21-0422 CAMBO 46 (BF,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-9-4 Pat Eddery 90
309 (7) 211110 OPERA GHOST 21 (C,F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-2 W Newnes 93
310 (20) 005500- STONE FLAKE 169J (G) (N Mandell) P Kelleway 4-9-1 J Carroll ● 99
311 (17) 1-21425 FIRST VICTORY 53 (D,F,G) (D Seale) R Hannon 4-9-0 J Reid 91
312 (5) 331632 HOLY ZEAL 16 (D,F,G) (M Pescod) D Arbuthnot 4-8-12 M Birch 93
313 (11) 341214 BARRISH 21 (D,F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-8-12 T Quinn 92
314 (19) 023111 OFF THE RECORD 26 (D,F) (C Bryan) C Thornton 5-8-10 (7ex) M J Kinane 92
315 (2) 23-2321 NAFZAWA 25 (F) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-9 W R Swinburn 92
316 (3) 0-11021 FURTHER FLIGHT 37 (F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 4-8-8 M Hills 92
317 (13) 02-0113 HOT RUMOUR 37 (G) (G Gill) S Norton 3-8-7 K Darley 82
318 (15) 102115 PENNY FORUM 26 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Surridge) J Sutcliffe 6-8-6 M Wigham 89
319 (1) 101001 LOCAL DERBY 11 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 3-8-5 (4ex) Dean McKeown 98
320 (22) 305133 FOLK DANCE 35 (V,D,F,G,S) (BTRB Plc) G Balding 8-8-3 J Williams 94
321 (10) 50101-6 DISCORD 23 (F,G) (Mrs E Williams) W Hastings-Bass 4-7-13 Dale Gibson (3) 83
322 (14) 0213-21 TRAINGLOT 28 (D,F,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-7-11 (4ex) A Munro 93

BETTING: 5-1 Further Flight, 15-2 Star Lord, 8-1 Trainglot, 11-1 First Victory, 12-1 Holy Zeal, 14-1 Local Derby, Off The Record, 16-1 Cambo, Discord, Nafzawa, 20-1 Nashid, Roll A Dollar, 25-1 others.

1989: SAPIENCE 3-8-4 Pat Eddery (15-2) Jimmy Fitzgerald 18 ran

FORM FOCUS LINPAC WEST showed improved form when staying on well to finish 3l 4th to Husyan in group three race at Ayr (1m 2f, good) last month. NASHID is best judged on reappearance 1l 2nd to Bold Fox at Leicester (1m 4f, good). ROLL A DOLLAR creditable 3l 3rd to Black Monday in valuable Goodwood handicap (1m 4f, good to firm) with BARRISH (same terms) 2½l 4th, HORN DANCE (same terms) 2½l 6th, OPERA GHOST (same terms) ¾l 7th and BEAN KING 9th.
CAMBO 1l 2nd to Hateel in valuable Haydock handicap (1m 4f, soft) with LINPAC WEST (1lb worse off) 1l 4th. OPERA GHOST won here on penultimate start (1m 4f, good to firm) defeating Ariel Star ¾l with STAR LORD (5lb better off) an eye-catching 2½l 3rd, HORN DANCE 7th and LOCAL DERBY 9th.
OFF THE RECORD continued on upgrade when beating Make Contact ¾l at Ascot (2m 45yd) with PENNY FORUM (7lb better off) 11l 5th. FURTHER FLIGHT easily defeated Drumhead 4l when stepping up in distance to 1m 7f at Ayr (good to soft). TRAINGLOT overcame interference in running and long absence from course to beat Ivory Way a neck at Redcar (1m 6f, firm).
Selection: LINPAC WEST

3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIMCRACK STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £46,854: 6f) (5 runners) C4

401 (4) 11 MUJTAHID 42 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-3 W Carson ● 99
402 (5) 321 ASTERIX 42 (D,F) (T Marshall) C C Elsey 9-0 W Newnes 86
403 (2) 21 MYSTIKO 18 (D,F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts 89
404 (1) 31 REGAL SABRE 32 (D,F) (A F Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 77
405 (3) 341211 VINTAGE ONLY 18 (D,F,G) (H Leetham Ltd) M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 78

BETTING: 4-6 Mujtahid, 7-2 Mystiko, 4-1 Regal Sabre, 9-1 Vintage Only, 20-1 Asterix.

1989: ROCK CITY 9-3 W Carson (1-2 fav) R Hannon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS MUJTAHID won his maiden with ease at Newmarket and followed up with an impressive 7l defeat of Mac's Imp in the group three July Stakes, also at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
ASTERIX was pushed out to score by a neck from Mighty Dragon in Bath maiden (5f 167yd, firm) but steps up in class here. MYSTIKO was beaten ¾l by Act Of Diplomacy at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with REGAL SABRE (same terms) another ¾l back in 3rd. Has since opened his account at the same course (6f, good to firm), making all to beat Wolf Hall by 2l.
REGAL SABRE followed his Newmarket defeat with a comfortable victory there (6f, good to firm) when beating Caspian Beluga by 4l. VINTAGE ONLY beat sole rival Beyond Our Reach by 10l at Thirsk (6f, firm), having previously scored at Catterick (6f, firm) by 4l from Smiling Sun.
Selection: MUJTAHID

4.15 ANDY CAPP HANDICAP (£12,720: 1m 1f) (17 runners) C4

501 (4) 45-6520 GRAN ALBA 47 (F) (C Kilroy) R Hannon 4-9-13 M J Kinane ● 98
502 (10) 110-504 HARD AS IRON 26 (CD,F,G) (M Wickens) M Tompkins 7-9-9 R Cochrane 91
503 (3) 33141- AZZAAM 284 (F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-6 W Carson 92
504 (12) 1-00600 DAWN SUCCESS 20 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 4-9-4 M Roberts 95
505 (1) 11-5034 KARAZAN 39 (F,G) (J Dick) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-2 — 92
506 (16) 0-114 LOST INNOCENCE 67 (BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-1 W R Swinburn 91
507 (6) 51-6430 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 41 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Massey) Denys Smith 3-8-11 T Quinn 89
508 (9) 3-10 AT PEACE 44 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-8-8 Pat Eddery 96
509 (14) 2-13104 NED'S AURA 39 (CD,F,S) (D Soley) R Whitaker 5-8-7 J Reid 96
510 (7) 6-1220 LORD OF TUSMORE 42 (F) (W Said) B Hills 3-8-7 M Hills 96
511 (5) 413045 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 74 (F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-5 M Wigham 88
512 (13) 31-04 MELANCOLIA 4 (G) (G Tufts) R Whitaker 4-8-6 Dean McKeown 90
513 (11) 020220 ROSEATE LODGE 42 (F,G) (Wharf Racing) R Armstrong 4-8-4 B Crossley [illegible]
514 (13) 021220 PALATIAL STYLE 4 (G) (Mrs P Anson) M Anson 3-8-3 S Webster [illegible]
515 (15) 003014 LINE OF VISION 11 (F) (Mrs R de Savary) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-1 D Nicholls [illegible]
516 (8) 30-3121 ROLFESON 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Griffiths) B Morgan 6-7-12 [illegible]
517 (17) 140312 MELLOTTIE 15 (D,F) (Mrs J Felton) Mrs G Reveley 5-7-10 J Lowe [illegible]

BETTING: 6-1 Karazan, 8-1 Hard As Iron, Lost Innocence, 9-1 Lord Of Tusmore, 10-1 At Peace, Line Of Vision, 12-1 Mellottie, Ned's Aura, Roseate Lodge, 14-1 Gran Alba, Rolfeson, 16-1 Azzaam, 20-1 others.

1989: HARD AS IRON 6-8-12 R Cochrane (7-1) M Tompkins 13 ran

FORM FOCUS GRAN ALBA ran on inside final furlong to finish 1½l 2nd behind Fire Top at Epsom (1m 2f, good) but finished well down the field at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm) last time out, more than 8l behind Bold Fox.
HARD AS IRON twice won over this course last season and ran well at Ascot (1m, good to firm) on his latest start when 2½l 4th behind Curtain Call. AZZAAM was easy winner of 16-runner nursery at Thirsk (7f, soft) last November, beating Prince Jakatom 3l, but has not run since.
KARAZAN ran good race here (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm) in Magnet Cup, finishing 4½l 4th behind Eradicate and looks to be improving. LOST INNOCENCE was awarded a race at Carlisle and followed up with a neck defeat of Rinja at Newbury (1m, good to firm). Latest run was 3l 3rd behind NED'S AURA (2lb better off) over course and distance (good to firm).
NED'S AURA beat ROSEATE LODGE (11lb better off) 4l at Redcar (1m, firm) in May and was not disgraced last time out when beaten 8½l by St Ninian here (1m, good to firm). LINE OF VISION beat subsequent winner Magic Express by 2l at Pontefract (1m 2f, firm) and looks well weighted.
Selection: NED'S AURA

4.45 ROSES STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £10,770: 5f) (7 runners)

601 (2) 20111 POETS COVE 19 (D,F) (P Cruden) W Carter 9-6 J Reid 96
602 (6) 21351 ATHENIAN KING 5 (D,F) (M Yiapatos) C Tinkler 8-12 M Birch 84
603 (4) 1302 GREY ROOSTER 8 (D,G) (Kennet Valley Ltd) W Jarvis 8-12 W R Swinburn 92
604 (5) 5125 MUJADIL 21 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-12 W Carson ● 98
605 (3) 510 REGAL CREST 61 (D,G) (A Crawford) J Berry 8-12 J Carroll 80
606 (1) 451120 SILKEN SAILED 18 (B,D,F) (R Meadows) W O'Gorman 8-12 A Munro 96
607 (7) 4121 SIR HARRY HARDMAN 5 (D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 8-12 Dean McKeown 89

BETTING: 15-8 Poets Cove, 5-2 Mujadil, 5-1 Silken Sailed, 13-2 Sir Harry Hardman, 8-1 Grey Rooster, 12-1 others.

1989: OLD ALLIANCE 8-12 Pat Eddery (5-4 fav) J Tree 9 ran

FORM FOCUS POETS COVE had ATHENIAN KING (8lb better off) 9½l back in 5th on penultimate start at Thirsk (5f, firm) and went on to finish ½l 2nd to Jimmy Barnie at Goodwood (5f, good to firm), being awarded the race after a stewards' enquiry.
MUJADIL was creditable 5th, beaten 6½l, to the smart Mac's Imp at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). SILKEN SAILED never troubled Gipsy Fiddler at Ascot (5f, good to soft), finishing 5½l 5th with REGAL CREST (7lb better off) a further 5l back in 9th. Disappointed in Newmarket nursery last time. SIR HARRY HARDMAN made all to win Haydock nursery (5f, good to soft) by ¾l from Northern Nation on latest start but is another who steps up in class here.
Selection: POETS COVE

5.15 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £11,647: 5f) (17 runners)

1 (16) 11-0333 RA'A 43 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7 R Hills 93
2 (4) 1215-26 VICEROY 60 (D,F,G) (F Gamma) W Pearce 9-5 D Nicholls 91
3 (13) 526212 LOVE RETURNED 46 (D,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 9-3 M Tebbutt 96
4 (15) 102126 LYNDSEYLEE 11 (D,F,S) (G Syvret) J Berry 9-2 J Carroll ● 99
5 (5) 402631 VAX LADY 9 (D,F) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 9-1 (7ex) M Roberts 92
6 (14) 201301 NAZELA 12 (D,F) (J Wolff) J Payne 8-12 Pat Eddery 97
7 (11) 415- ANOTHER LANE 350 (D,F) (London Estates Ltd) R Whitaker 8-9 W R Swinburn 89
8 (1) 214010 KATIES FIRST 22 (D,F) (R Cox) G Lewis 8-7 W Carson 95
9 (8) 004111 SILVER SINGING 21 (D,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-5 R Cochrane 96
10 (2) 020305 EAGER DEVA 21 (D,F) (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 8-5 G Hind (3) 97
11 (6) 021031 BOLD LEZ 47 (D,F) (Mrs M Ansell) M Haynes 8-5 R Fox 95
12 (12) 64-2000 PLEASE BELIEVE ME 16 (CD,F) (P Green) M H Easterby 8-5 M Birch 97
13 (3) 003550 BETWEEN THE STICKS 7 (D,F,G) (P Shilton) M Tompkins 8-4 C Hodgson (7) 98
14 (7) 105 REAL STUNNER 46 (D,F) (P Davies) M Naughton 7-10 A Munro 92
15 (17) 841234 MACS MAHARANEE 12 (D,BF,G) (Yorkshire Racing Club) P Felgate 7-9 S Wood (3) 96
16 (10) 040240 WANDA 16 (B,D,G) (E Mangan) M W Easterby 7-7 J Fanning (7) 94
17 (9) 00-1210 SLIP-A-SNIP 21 (D,F) (Whitcombe Racing Ltd) R Akehurst 7-7 D Holland (5) 91

Long handicap: Wanda 7-4, Slip-A-Snip 7-0.

BETTING: 6-1 Silver Singing, 7-1 Katies First, 8-1 Nazela, 10-1 Lyndseylee, Please Believe Me, 12-1 Bold Lez, Ra'a, Vax Lady, 14-1 Love Returned, Macs Maharanee, Real Stunner, 16-1 Eager Deva, Viceroy, 20-1 Slip-A-Snip, 22-1 Another Lane, Between The Sticks, 25-1 Wanda.

1989: LUGANA BEACH 9-6 S Cauthen (10-1) D Elsworth 10 ran

FORM FOCUS RA'A 2½l 3rd to Polar Bird in similar event at Newmarket (6f, good) last time. VICEROY kept on at one pace inside last 2f when 5l 8th to Rivers Rhapsody at Ascot (5f, good to soft) with VAX LADY 16th.
LOVE RETURNED headed close home when beaten a neck by Northern Goddess at Beverley (5f, good to firm) with REAL STUNNER (14lb better off) 8½l 5th. VAX LADY made all to defeat Shampoo ½l at Leicester (6f, good to firm). NAZELA led near finish to defeat Royal Warrant ½l at Redcar (5f, firm) with MACS MAHARANEE (3lb better off) 1½l 4th.
SILVER SINGING ridden out to defeat LYNDSEYLEE (6lb better off) 1l at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) with VAX LADY (same terms) 1½l 3rd, EAGER DEVA (8lb better off) 1½l 5th and SLIP-A-SNIP 7th.
Selection: VICEROY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
D Elsworth	7	28	25.0	S Cauthen	56	251	22.3
P Cole	11	45	24.4	Pat Eddery	56	271	20.7
M Stoute	34	142	23.9	B Rouse	4	20	20.0
M Haynes	3	13	23.1	J Williams	3	15	20.0
J Dunlop	22	99	22.2	W R Swinburn	35	178	19.7
G Lewis	6	31	19.4	T Quinn	9	59	15.3

(No. including yesterday's results)

YARMOUTH

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.20 Lady Westgate.	2.20 Heresheis.
2.50 Midnight Lass.	2.50 Monolulus Surprise.
3.20 Royal Acclaim.	3.20 La Bamba.
3.55 Centerland.	3.55 Hana Marie.
4.25 Queluz.	4.25 Border Mate.
4.55 Zammah.	4.55 Case For The Crown.
5.25 Mia Fillia.	5.25 Golden Treasury.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm SIS

Draw: 5f 25yd-1m, high numbers best

2.20 BOTTON BROTHERS HANDICAP (Lady riders: £2,364: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

1 (1) 3-60003 TURMERIC 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Morley) D Morley 7-11-7 Melanie Morley 94
2 (4) 015621 CATHOS 14 (F,G,S) (K Brand) D Wilson 5-11-4 Elaine Bronson 96
3 (6) 50-0361 ANGELICA PARK 12 (F) (Parkers Plc) J Wharton 4-11-2 Clare Balding 98
4 (5) 421212 HERESHEIS 7 (BF,G) (Mrs M Hepworth) J Pearce 4-11-0 Lydia Pearce 91
5 (7) 001215 LADY WESTGATE 23 (BF,F,G) (R Shepherd) G Balding 6-10-1 Christine Smallman 94
6 (3) 04025 SIRI 29 (Mrs G Robinson) M Bell 3-9-6 Lucy Lawson (3) ● 99
7 (2) 00-000 DZET 86 (R Jeffries) K Wingrove 3-9-0 Hazel Noonan 93

Long handicap: Dzet 8-9.

BETTING: 9-4 Heresheis, 11-4 Cathos, 5-1 Turmeric, 6-1 Angelica Park, 7-1 Lady Westgate, 10-1 others.

1989: HATEEL 3-9-12 Mrs C Eddery (7-1) P Walwyn 13 ran

2.50 PLEASURE BEACH SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,511: 5f 25yd) (14 runners)

1 (6) 000 SPINNEYOVER 7 (D Emery) J Harris 8-11 S O'Gorman (5) —
2 (4) 56533 COOL COQUELIN 7 (R Billingsley) J Jenkins 8-6 W Ryan 91
3 (8) 66 FAIR REASON 7 (Mrs B Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 8-6 Julie Bowker (5) 77
4 (11) 0604 FURIELLA 40 (W Hall) P Felden 8-6 Ron Hillis (3) 85
5 (3) GOODY FOUR SHOES (Goodfellow Bloodstock Ltd) W Haigh 8-6 Paul Eddery —
6 (7) 6500 GREEN'S MOILLON 7 (M Charles Toutson) J Harris 8-6 A Tucker (7) 84
7 (9) 5000 JUST VIRGINIA 77 (J Abell) R Whitaker 8-6 A Culhane 86
8 (14) 24261 MIDNIGHT LASS 9 (D,F) (Mrs V O'Brien) J Berry 8-6 L Dettori 97
9 (2) 0030 MONOLULUS SURPRISE 7 (B,BF) (Executive Racing) G Huffer 8-6 S Whitworth ● 99
10 (13) 651340 RUBY JAYNE 28 (D,F) (J Edwards) A Bailey 8-6 G Carter 96
11 (1) STATELY MARCH (R Prettie) B Hanbury 8-6 B Raymond —
12 (12) 494066 SWEET DESIRE 14 (Shadowfax Racing) C Allen 8-6 G Husband (5) 84
13 (5) 05 SWEET SHARPO 58 (B,BF) (J Grady) B Hanbury 8-6 A Shoults 80
14 (10) 800 TOP TERN 15 (V) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 8-6 R Smith (7) —

BETTING: 13-8 Midnight Lass, 5-1 Cool Coquelin, Monolulus Surprise, 6-1 Furiella, 10-1 Fair Reason, Sweet Desire, 14-1 Green's Moillon, 20-1 others.

1989: POWER SHIFT 8-8 J Quinn (15-2) A Lee 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	46	120	38.3	S Whitworth	3	13	23.1
M Stoute	37	135	27.4	L Dettori	11	59	18.6
J Berry	3	13	23.1	L Newton	4	22	18.2
D Wilson	4	19	21.1	W Ryan	19	114	16.7
L Cumani	23	114	20.2	A McGlone	4	25	16.0
A Stewart	18	92	18.6	Ron Hillis	3	19	15.8

3.20 J MEDLER LTD HANDICAP (£2,679: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (5) 105402 LA BELLE VIE 16 (CD,F,G) (R Lawson) D Wilson 4-10-0 G Carter 94
2 (2) 154011 ANNABELLE ROYALE 11 (CD,F,G) (I Farini) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-12 L Dettori 94
3 (6) 002325 AMBER NECTAR 7 (C,F) (M Kirby) L Holt 4-9-5 T Williams 96
4 (11) 546120 TAYLORS PRINCE 18 (V,D,F) (P Reed) H Collingridge 3-9-5 J Quinn 95
5 (7) 0-02218 KAWWAS 27 (CD,F) (Whitting Commodities Ltd) W Holden 5-9-4 B Raymond 93
6 (3) 060001 CORRIN HILL 8 (B,C,D,F) (R Carvill) N Callaghan 3-9-4 (6ex) A McGlone 92
7 (8) 3462 LA BAMBA 35 (Mrs D MacRae) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-3 W Hood 94
8 (10) 0024-04 GONDO 6 (T Child) M Ryan 3-8-12 G Bardwell 91
9 (16) 040051 MEXICAN VISION 9 (B,D,F) (I Campbell) I Campbell 3-8-11 (6ex) S Whitworth 90
10 (9) 0-00401 BILL MOON 12 (D,F) (P Felden) P Felden 4-8-7 Ron Hillis (3) 96
11 (1) 300231 ROYAL ACCLAIM 4 (V,CD,F) (Mrs B Wilkinson) A Hide 5-8-5 K Rutter (7) 97
12 (15) 040450 ELECTRIC ROSE 11 (V,C,F,G) (Shadowfax Racing) C Allen 5-8-3 R Morse ● 99
13 (13) 300600 MAIDEN BIDDER 12 (D,F,G) (J Hollins) D Wilson 6-7-12 N Kennedy (7) 96
14 (12) 000460 VICTORIOUS PRINCE 8 (N Greig) M Prescott 3-7-7 N Carlisle 89
15 (14) 400130 SINGING GOLD 68 (V,D,F,G) (Miss W Verwey) A Hide 4-7-7 T McKeown 91
16 (4) 035000 SAALIB 14 (S Sharp) Pat Mitchell 7-7-7 Julie Bowker (5) 79

Long handicap: Singing Gold 7-5, Saalib 7-1.

BETTING: 11-4 Corrin Hill, 3-1 Annabelle Royale, 9-2 La Belle Vie, 11-2 Bill Moon, 7-1 La Bamba, 10-1 Gondo, 12-1 others.

1989: SAXON LAD 3-8-7 B Crossley (7-4 fav) Mrs L Piggott 12 ran

3.55 FRANK STONE STAKES (£3,162: 6f) (3 runners)

1 (1) 4111 CENTERLAND 11 (D,F) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 3-9-9 G Husband (5) 98
2 (3) 423204 HANA MARIE 20 (D,F) (T Nerses) G Huffer 3-9-1 B Raymond ● 99
3 (2) 0550-30 WAVE MASTER 32 (C,BF,F) (A Anderson) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-12 L Dettori 83

BETTING: 5-4 Hana Marie, 7-4 Centerland, 11-4 Wave Master.

1989: TEEMING SHORE 4-9-1 G Duffield (4-11 fav) M Prescott 2 ran

4.25 HALL QUAY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,060: 7f) (10 runners)

1 (2) BDOORE (A Al Shafar) M Jarvis 8-11 D Biggs (5) —
2 (3) BORDER MATE (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 8-11 L Dettori —
3 (5) 0 CARRIGANS GIRLS 21 (J Carrigan) W Wilson 8-11 J Quinn —
4 (7) GENTLE MELODY (M Ryan) M Stoute 8-11 K Bradshaw —
5 (9) 4 GLOWLAMP 33 (Mrs S Rogers) B Hanbury 8-11 B Raymond 93
6 (1) 0 NAO FAZ MAL 18 (Mrs M Watt) John FitzGerald 8-11 N Day 81
7 (6) OCEAN AIR (C Wacker III) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan —
8 (4) 02 QUELUZ 28 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 Paul Eddery ● 99
9 (10) 0 SURVEY 46 (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 W Hood —
10 (8) THUNDER BUG (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-11 A Shoults —

BETTING: 11-4 Queluz, 4-1 Border Mate, 9-2 Gentle Melody, 5-1 Ocean Air, 6-1 Glowlamp, 8-1 Bdoore, 12-1 others.

1989: TICKLE TOUCH 8-4 R Smith (14-1) B Hanbury 10 ran

4.55 EVE MAIDEN APPRENTICE STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,337: 1m) (7 runners)

1 (1) 64 BIG IDEA 11 (R Strong) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 J Darby (5) 74
2 (6) 00 HAROON 109 (Fitocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 9-0 J Weaver (5) —
3 (7) 0-4 POLONEZ PRIMA 142 (M Atchal) G Huffer 9-0 L Newton 74
4 (4) 00 TURKISH STAR 33 (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 9-0 L Healy 76
5 (5) 63 CASE FOR THE CROWN 19 (M Tabor) A Stewart 8-9 C Swift (5) ● 99
6 (2) MAY BE BOLD (D Price) J Toller 8-9 Jaki Houston —
7 (3) 32-6203 ZAMMAH 8 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-9 K Rutter 96

BETTING: 5-2 Case For The Crown, 100-30 Zammah, 6-1 Haroon, 7-1 Polonez Prima, 8-1 Big Idea, 10-1 Turkish Star, 12-1 May Be Bold.

1989: ROMANTIC PAST 8-11 B Lane (10-1) J Gosden 13 ran

5.25 COBHOLM HANDICAP (Fillies: £2,427: 1m 3f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 (6) 0-64206 SNUGGLE 46 (F) (G Lockett) M Tompkins 3-9-10 N Day 95
2 (5) 243313 GOLDEN TREASURY 18 (BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-9-10 C Hawksley (7) 95
3 (8) 604515 SKAZKA 14 (BF,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-8 S O'Gorman (5) 92
4 (6) 001-450 KOVALEVSKIA 135 (F,G,S) (W Jiggins) D Wilson 5-9-4 T Williams 91
5 (1) 135131 THIMBALINA 7 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Hartley) S Norton 4-9-3 (4ex) N Kennedy (7) 87
6 (7) 51-6001 PHOTO CALL 15 (F) (J Good) M Jarvis 3-9-0 B Raymond 96
7 (4) 434015 TARA'S DELIGHT 9 (F) (Stevenage Printing) M Ryan 3-8-13 G Carter 98
8 (10) 026543 TAYLOR'S REALM 14 (CD,F) (Lime Street Racing) H Collingridge 4-8-6 J Quinn 88
9 (3) 560462 MIA FILLIA 6 (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 3-7-13 A McGlone ● 99
10 (2) 0-6000 BONNY ROSA 57 (T Nerses) G Huffer 3-7-7 L Newton (7) 90

BETTING: 5-2 Photo Call, 7-2 Golden Treasury, 4-1 Thimbalina, 5-1 Mia Fillia, Tara's Delight, 10-1 Taylor's Realm, 12-1 others.

1989: TAYLOR'S REALM 3-8-11 M Rimmer (14-1) H Collingridge 11 ran

Young err on the side of safety

By John Woodcock

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): England Under-19 drew with Pakistan Under-19

WITH a little more spunk and rather greater awareness England's young cricketers might well have won the first of their three four-day matches against their Pakistani counterparts at Northampton yesterday. Instead they gave priority to avoiding defeat, and the match was duly drawn.

At close of play on Monday, England were 269 for four in reply to Pakistan's first innings of 298 for eight declared. They had two constructive options: either to declare overnight or to continue batting, so long as they did so purposefully. Instead, they plodded pointlessly along until they were all out half an hour after lunch.

When, eventually, Pakistan did go in again, they were soon losing wickets — but it was too late by then to bring about their downfall. To have tried to put the Pakistanis under pressure earlier would have involved no risk to England. It was the same in Australia. I am afraid, when I saw much the same young England side playing there last winter. Then, too, they seemed concerned with making sure they could not lose before trying to win.

The irony here at Northampton was that by far the best of the English batting came when, through Grayson, Holloway, and Crawley, they were pursuing the initiative. When Holloway was second out on Monday afternoon, in the 52nd over, the score was already 197. In 85 overs after that, England scored only another 155 runs.

It looks to me as though limited-overs cricket, arranged finishes, and the modern obsession with medium pace are combining to obscure from young minds what can be achieved with a touch of blarney, a dash of ingenuity, a slice or two of luck, and an eye for the calculated risk.

Even so, England would probably have won yesterday but for a remarkable innings from Zahid Fazal. If the tour brochure is to be believed he is not yet 17. He looks at least old enough to be Tendulkar's father, and hits the ball like a kicking mule. Twice he cleared the pavilion with enormous drives off Roberts's leg breaks, the ball never being seen again after the second of them.

It was a spinner who got him, though. Grayson, orthodox left-arm, removed Fazal with his first ball, and then Laeeq with his second. Pakistan were the equivalent then of 68 for seven with 20 minutes plus 20 overs left. It was as near as they were to get to losing.

Rowe hits out to set up win

By George Chesterton

THE losing finalists last year, South Wiltshire, beat Spondon in the final of the under-15 club championship. Russell Rowe, the South Wiltshire captain and wicketkeeper, received the Harry Secombe Cup from Tim Rice, president of the Lord's Taverners, while Gary Lineker, the England and Tottenham football player, presented medals to the participants.

Rowe, who opened the innings for South Wiltshire, struck the ball hard and in a second-wicket partnership with Stuart Gulliver, a willowy left-hander, put on 62 runs. When they slumped from 82 for three to 98 all out, their chances looked slim.

Like their opponents, Spondon lost a wicket without a run on the board. Mark Stallard and Greg Holland struck the ball high and hard in a stand of 28, but the latter played the ball in the air once too often and was caught at cover. Cruse caught a fine catch over his head and Stephen Elcock bowled tidily, taking two for four, to retrieve his honour, having been caught behind off the first ball of the match.

In an effort to catch up with the required rate, Spondon suffered three run-outs, the third to an excellent throw by Stuart Nash and they were bowled out, with an over to spare, for only 57.

This competition, which started in April, has been sponsored for the sixth year by Sun Life of Canada. More than 10,000 boys from nearly 1,000 clubs have taken part in the event.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Swansea Civil Service 113-2 (M O'Brien 57), Spondon 114-3 (S Clarke 54); South Wiltshire 132-6 (R Rowe 58), South Woodford 100-6. **For third place:** Swansea 131-2 (M O'Brien 57, R Mugford 50 not out), South Woodford 120-5 (A Stoneham 52). **Final:** South Wiltshire 98 (R Rowe 40; P Cook 3 for 7, S Clarke 3 for 14), Spondon 57 (S Elcock 2 for 4, M Walsh 2 for 9).

Unbearable tenseness as Roses match is drawn

Sharp sees his side through despite breaking his thumb

By Jack Bailey

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (5pts) drew with Yorkshire (4)

THIS was far from being just another drawn Roses match. There was a real tenseness about the day which became almost unbearable at the end as Batty, Yorkshire's last man, joined Sharp for the last five overs, bowled by Watkinson and Wasim Akram.

There were real heroics, too, Sharp coming in at the fall of the eighth wicket, batting through 14 overs with a fractured right thumb, and seeing his side through. He looked the calmest man on the ground as he did so.

Then there was Watkinson's tour de force. He bowled 44 consecutive overs of off spin from the Warwick Road end, took five wickets, and all but bowled his team to victory. Watkinson is ranked officially as a medium-pace swing-and-seam merchant. He has bowled spinners before but so far he has always reverted. After yesterday's performance and seven wickets in the match, he must be wondering.

For Lancashire, coming so close and yet failing will be a great disappointment and a considerable blow to their championship hopes. Yet there was little more that Hughes could have done. From the time he talked Yorkshire in to declaring overnight, to the manner and timing of his declaration and the handling of his bowlers, it was impossible to fault him.

The agreement reached between the rival captains saw Yorkshire declare at their overnight total, 243 runs behind and clearly with great expectations of a target that would enable them to get back into the match with some chance of winning. This Hughes duly provided, his declaration leaving Yorkshire to make 317 from a minimum of 91 overs, with the spinners likely to provide more than that.

For a time all went well with Yorkshire's cause. Moxon, whose declaration had deprived him of a coveted Roses match century, carried on where he had left off. Lancashire's spinners were soon pressed into service, Watkinson bowling towards the more helpful end, but the serene way the Yorkshire captain batted to a brisk accompaniment by Metcalfe meant that chances of a Yorkshire victory were kept alive.

These two put on 77 and when Metcalfe left to a catch, clutched to Allott's midriff at slip, Yorkshire were well up with the clock. Moxon went to his 50 out of 104 from 71 balls before hitting a full toss from Atherton down midwicket's throat.

Hughes's ploy was to keep Watkinson going at one end and using Akram — in short bursts — and Atherton at the other. Gradually, the Yorkshire wickets were whittled away. A win was no longer a realistic prospect once four of them were out for 116, but Carrick batted bravely after being missed when three and kept Yorkshire's head above water for more than two hours while making a valiant 57.

He fell victim to Watkinson.

Foster sends out an Essex warning

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ESSEX, playing with a confidence and style that bodes no good for any of their rivals, moved into second place in the Britannic Assurance championship yesterday, beating Surrey by the handsome margin of 283 runs at Chelmsford, their sixth win in their last nine games. They are two points behind Middlesex with a game in hand.

Surrey, who scored only 114 in their first innings, again found the bowling of Foster too much for them and were dismissed for 120, Foster taking six for 32 to give himself match figures of 11 for 76. Andrew backed him up with six for 61.

Afterwards, Gooch, who will be free of his England responsibilities for the final four matches of the run-in, said he had never lost faith in his side, even when they were languishing in the lower reaches of the table. "I always felt we could get back into it by putting together a few wins and that is what has happened, although there is still a long way to go before anything is settled. Foster bowled brilliantly for us and took full advantage of a pitch offering a bit of pace and bounce."

The Gloucestershire revival at Trent Bridge, begun by an inspired spell of bowling from Lawrence, was carried through by a doughty, unbeaten century from Russell, who batted in his best England vein for four hours and squeezed 134 from the last four wickets.

Nottinghamshire, who found themselves needing 236 from 42 overs, were held in check by tight bowling and were eventually glad to scramble out with a draw at 155 for eight.

The chasing teams also finished on the wrong end of draws at Worcester and Hove, both denied by taxing left-arm spin. Worcestershire, needing 241 to beat Northamptonshire, clung on at 157 for seven. Nick Cook, who had Hick stumped for 50, ending with four for 57. Sussex, set 312 to beat injury-hit Kent, passed 190 with eight wickets in hand but Davis then took three wickets in ten balls on his way to a return of six for 97, Sussex finishing at 257 for seven.

Jayasuriya quickly into action

THE Sri Lankans include Sanath Jayasuriya, aged 20, a left-hander, who hit two consecutive double centuries on the B team tour of Pakistan last winter, for the opening match of their short tour against Glamorgan at Ebbw Vale today.

Hugh Morris takes over as Glamorgan captain for this game to enable Butcher to take a rest. Richards and Metson are also absent and Martin Roberts will keep wicket.

● Warwickshire have given a two-year contract to Wasim Khan, aged 19, a Birmingham-born left-handed opening batsman. Khan, who plays for Smethwick in the Birmingham League, scored an unbeaten 171 in a second XI match against Northamptonshire.

●The England B opening batsman, Darren Bicknell, has recovered from a hand injury and will return to the Surrey team for the championship match with Hampshire at Southampton tomorrow. But his brother, Martin, who has a hamstring injury, may miss the game.

Rose hits Somerset to a rare victory

By Richard Streeton

TAUNTON (final day of four): Somerset (22pts) beat Hampshire (8) by five wickets

HARD hitting by Graham Rose, who struck three sixes in the closing stages, brought Somerset victory with four balls to spare yesterday as they clinched only their second championship win of the season. Hampshire had left them a target of 302 from what became 61 overs.

The final outcome will bring considerable satisfaction to Somerset, who paced their innings shrewdly and who this summer have not always been blessed by good fortune. Hampshire's failure to win, though, caused them to lose vital ground in the title race.

Hampshire's disappointment must have been all the more acute because two balls had "popped" nastily towards the close of their own innings. One of them brought Gower's dismissal and it was enough to suggest that the pitch was starting to crumble.

In the event the odd ball kept low and Maru got some turn, but the Somerset batsmen were seldom seriously inconvenienced. Cook launched the run chase with a marvellous 77 and, though some momentum was briefly lost later, Somerset always looked the more likely to win.

Cook scored freely from the start as he drove, cut and pushed the new ball into the gaps with calm certainty. Nicholas had Roebuck caught behind at 84 but the score was 147 before Cook was out. Marshall had returned and his fifth ball kept low and had the South African leg-before.

Cook faced 103 balls, hit ten fours and took his match aggregate to 191 and his total for the season to 2,360. Hayhurst, who had twice straight driven Maru for six, was stumped against the spinner soon afterwards but Tavare and Harden then added a near decisive 91 in 13 overs. Tavare regularly lapped runs against Maru.

Somerset still needed 56 from seven overs when Harden lifted a well disguised slower ball from Connor to mid-wicket. A further 30 were needed from four overs when Tavare was run out.

The issue was effectively settled in the 18th over of the last 20 when an over by Maru cost 17 runs, including a six out of the ground by Rose and four byes. Rose's 33 not out came from 19 balls.

Hampshire earlier were seldom able to score as quickly as they would have wished against the main Somerset bowlers, and their declaration was delayed until half an hour after lunch. Harden's rarely used left-arm spin brought him return catches from Terry and Chris Smith as the batsmen later tried to increase the tempo. In betweeen these wickets Gower got a lifting ball from Lefebvre and was caught in the covers as he tried to play through the leg side.

BOXING

ANTHONY PHELPS

Fistfuls of dollars: Benn gives the world a glimpse of the fortunes of Nigel

Benn moving up in the world

NIGEL Benn, the world middleweight champion, received a hero's homecoming in London yesterday. Fresh from his one-round destruction of Iran Barkley in Las Vegas, the World Boxing Organisation title holder brandished a fat wad of dollars as he threaded his way past tourists at the Tower of London to the headquarters of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, in which he used to serve.

His first target is a $10 million (£5.3 million) encounter with the five-time world champion, Sugar Ray Leonard, who holds the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title. Benn's adviser, Ambrose Mendy, claimed that the deal was as good as sealed. "Sugar Ray Leonard wants to be king of the hill and he can't resist a challenge," he said. "He will want to fight Nigel."

Then Benn plans to tackle the WBO super-middleweight champion, Thomas Hearns, and move up a weight division to face Dennis Andries, Britain's world light-heavyweight champion. "Andries is a very, very tough guy," Benn said. "He is smaller than me and I think I can outpunch him. I think I have the ammunition, the speed and the power."

A television screen is the closest most British boxing followers will come to seeing the explosive Benn in action again because of his ever-widening rift with the British Boxing Board of Control.

The BBB of C refuses to recognise the WBO and blocked proposed contests in Britain against Barkley and Doug DeWitt, Benn's previous opponent, because both men have undergone retina surgery.

Mendy is threatening legal action against the board over alleged loss of earnings from those contests, amounting to £1 million.

Benn, who tore up his British licence after his demolition of Barkley, was unrepentant as he repeated his pledge: "They won't entertain me, so I definitely won't entertain them."

The champion is refusing to pay the £2,500 fee to the board after capturing the WBO title in April, nor will he hand over the £7,500 due from the Barkley bout.

"Of course I want to fight in England," he said. "It's the best place to fight and the crowd really get behind me. I don't like going to America and staying away from my kids for nine weeks. I would love to have the board behind me."

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Lancs v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (5pts) drew with Yorkshire (4)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 433 (M Watkinson 138, M A Atherton 108, N H Fairbrother 99; P J Hartley 4 for 109, P Carrick 5 for 98).

Second Innings

Wasim Akram c Blakey b Jarvis	6
G Fowler not out	50
G D Mendis not out	15
Extras (w 1, nb 1)	2
Total (1 wkt dec)	73

M A Atherton, N H Fairbrother, M Watkinson, P A J DeFreitas, †W K Hegg, I D Austin *D P Hughes and P J W Allott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-11.

BOWLING: Jarvis 3-2-2-1; Hartley 2.1-0-10-0; Metcalfe 5.4-0-44-0; Pickles 5-1-17-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 190 for 3 dec (M D Moxon 90 not out, P E Robinson 70. Bowling: Wasim Akram 16-1-47-0; DeFreitas 12-1-44-1; Austin 4-2-5-0; Allott 4-1-10-0; Atherton 12-3-42-0; Watkinson 10-3-24-2; Hughes 8-5-9-0).

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c Fowler b Atherton	50
A A Metcalfe c Allott b Watkinson	39
P E Robinson c Hughes b Watkinson	9
†R J Blakey c Hegg b Atherton	4
D Byas c Allott b Atherton	39
P Carrick lbw b Watkinson	57
C S Pickles c Hegg b Watkinson	16
P J Hartley lbw b Akram	0
P W Jarvis b Watkinson	11
K Sharp not out	9
J D Batty not out	7
Extras (b 10, lb 6, nb 9)	25
Total (9 wkts)	266

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-107, 3-109, 4-116, 5-178, 6-223, 7-224, 8-237, 9-258.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 21-8-46-1; DeFreitas 5-0-30-0; Watkinson 44-12-105-5; Atherton 25-6-69-3.

Umpires: R A White and A G T Whitehead.

Essex v Surrey

CHELMSFORD (final day of three): Essex (22pts) beat Surrey (4) by 283 runs

ESSEX: First Innings 236 (N A Foster 58; A J Murphy 5 for 67).

Second Innings 281 for 5 dec (M E Waugh 79 not out, N Shahid 55 not out. Bowling: Waqar Younis 11-2-54-0; Murphy 18-0-75-1; Robinson 15-4-39-1; Greig 15-0-60-3; Kendrick 8-0-39-0).

SURREY: First Innings

G S Clinton c Gooch b Ilott	10
A J Stewart lbw b Andrew	53
N M Kendrick b Andrew	12
G P Thorpe c Garnham b Andrew	0
†D M Ward c Shahid b Andrew	0
M A Lynch b Foster	4
J D Robinson hit wkt b Foster	0
*I A Greig c Garnham b Foster	0
K T Medlycott c Hussain b Foster	20
Waqar Younis not out	11
A J Murphy b Foster	1
Extras (lb 2, nb 1)	3
Total (47.2 overs)	114

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-47, 3-57, 4-70, 5-78, 6-78, 7-78, 8-96, 9-110.

BOWLING: Foster 19.2-4-44-5; Ilott 17-5-41-1; Andrew 11-3-27-4.

Second Innings

G S Clinton c Garnham b Andrew	32
A J Stewart c Ilott b Foster	11
G P Thorpe c Garnham b Foster	0
†D M Ward c Shahid b Andrew	11
M A Lynch b Childs	25
J D Robinson b Foster	18
*I A Greig c Gooch b Foster	4
K T Medlycott not out	11
N M Kendrick c Hussain b Ilott	3
Waqar Younis b Foster	1
A J Murphy c Waugh b Foster	0
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total	120

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-27, 3-58, 4-59, 5-99, 6-101, 7-112, 8-115, 9-120.

BOWLING: Foster 18-6-32-6; Ilott 14-2-40-1; Andrew 9-2-34-2; Childs 6-2-10-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Hampshire.

Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of three): Nottinghamshire (7pts) drew with Gloucestershire (6)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 239 (R C Russell 79, K M Curran 54; R A Pick 4 for 70).

Second Innings

G D Hodgson c French b Stephenson	0
*A J Wright b Pick	0
P Bainbridge c French b Stephenson	29
C W J Athey c Newell b Pick	0
M W Alleyne lbw b Pick	69
K M Curran b Stephenson	7
†R C Russell not out	103
M C J Ball c Stephenson b Hemmings	1
C A Walsh c Saxelby b Hemmings	18
D V Lawrence c Evans b Afford	18
S N Barnes b Pick	3
Extras (b 2, nb 5)	7
Total	255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-3, 4-61, 5-79, 6-121 7-137 8-188, 9-231.

BOWLING: Stephenson 27-4-94-3; Pick 21.1-10-45-4; Evans 9-1-39-0; Hemmings 29-7-48-2; Afford 17-8-28-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 259 (R T Robinson 123, M Newell 78; D V Lawrence 5 for 51).

Second Innings

*B C Broad c Russell b Alleyne	35
M Newell c Russell b Walsh	6
R T Robinson c Hodgson b Walsh	13
D J R Martindale not out	66
M Saxelby c Walsh b Curran	13
F D Stephenson c Bainbridge b Curran	0
K P Evans c Russell b Curran	0
†B N French lbw b Lawrence	4
E E Hemmings c Curran b Lawrence	0
R A Pick not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 7)	14
Total (8 wkts)	155

J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-42, 3-85, 4-109, 5-110, 6-111, 7-140, 8-147.

BOWLING: Walsh 13-0-41-2; Lawrence 10.5-2-41-2; Alleyne 6-1-23-1; Curran 9-0-35-3; Ball 2-0-9-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and N T Plews.

Worcs v Northants

WORCESTER (final day of three): Worcestershire (6pts) drew with Northamptonshire (6)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 242 (A Fordham 81; R K Illingworth 4 for 29).

Second Innings

A Fordham c Rhodes b Newport	19
N A Felton c Rhodes b McEwan	11
*W Larkins c Rhodes b Illingworth	28
R J Bailey run out	66
D J Capel lbw b Dilley	0
A J Lamb c Rhodes b Illingworth	28
A L Penberthy c Lampitt b Hick	21
†D Ripley not out	26
C E L Ambrose b Illingworth	12
N G B Cook not out	7
Extras	15
Total (8 wkts dec)	231

M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-51, 3-77, 4-78, 5-121, 6-184, 7-190, 8-221.

BOWLING: Dilley 10-0-48-1; McEwan 5-2-11-1; Illingworth 38-12-63-3; Newport 6-1-11-1; Hick 24-8-66-1; Lampitt 4-0-18-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 233 (D A Leatherdale 52; N G B Cook 5 for 80).

Second Innings

*T S Curtis lbw b Ambrose	12
G J Lord lbw b Robinson	6
G A Hick st Ripley b Cook	50
D B D'Oliveira c and b Robinson	21
D A Leatherdale c Felton b Cook	7
S R Lampitt c Lamb b Cook	16
†S J Rhodes not out	28
R K Illingworth lbw b Cook	0
P J Newport not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 3)	9
Total (7 wkts)	157

S M McEwan and G R Dilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-20, 3-70, 4-85, 5-111, 6-132, 7-132.

BOWLING: Ambrose 11-3-26-1; Robinson 13-4-40-2; Cook 19.4-3-57-4; Bailey 7-2-26-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and B Leadbeater.

Somerset v Hants

TAUNTON (final day of four): Somerset (22pts) beat Hampshire (8) by five wickets

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 401 for 9 dec (V P Terry 96, J R Ayling 62 not out, R A Smith 58, M D Marshall 58; N A Mallender 5 for 102).

Second Innings

V P Terry c and b Harden	59
C L Smith c and b Harden	88
D I Gower c Harden b Lefebvre	29
R A Smith not out	13
*M C J Nicholas not out	6
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total (3 wkts dec)	201

M D Marshall, J R Ayling, R J Maru, †R J Parks, C A Connor and P-J Bakker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-135, 2-182, 3-182.

BOWLING: Jones 9-1-21-0; Mallender 8-1-23-0; Rose 3-2-2-0; Lefebvre 12.4-1-40-1; Roebuck 8-0-34-0; Hayhurst 6-0-38-0; Harden 8-0-38-2.

SOMERSET: First Innings 301 for 9 dec (S J Cook 114, C J Tavaré 66; R J Maru 4 for 103).

Second Innings

S J Cook lbw b Marshall	77
P M Roebuck c Parks b Nicholas	19
A N Hayhurst st Parks b Maru	47
*C J Tavaré run out	64
R J Harden c Gower b Connor	36
G D Rose not out	33
†N D Burns not out	8
Extras (b 10, lb 8, w 1, nb 1)	20
Total (5 wkts)	304

R P Lefebvre, N A Mallender, A N Jones and I G Swallow did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-147, 3-155, 4-246, 5-272.

BOWLING: Marshall 11-2-34-1; Bakker 11-0-53-0; Maru 24.2-2-123-1; Connor 8-0-45-1; Nicholas 2-0-7-1; C L Smith 1-0-2-0; Ayling 3-0-22-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and B Hassan.

Sussex v Kent

HOVE (final day of three): Sussex (5pts) drew with Kent (6)

KENT: First Innings 449 for 7 dec (M R Benson 115, S A Marsh 70 not out, T R Ward 64, N R Taylor 61).

Second Innings

S G Hinks b Dodemaide	4
N R Taylor not out	70
R P Davis c Moores b Pigott	0
G R Cowdrey lbw b Pigott	34
T R Ward c Moores b Pigott	12
M V Fleming b Pigott	16
*C S Cowdrey b Pigott	0
P S de Villiers not out	19
Extras (b 5, lb 1)	6
Total (6 wkts dec)	161

†S A Marsh, M R Benson and T N Wren did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-6, 3-54, 4-72, 5-116, 6-116.

BOWLING: Pigott 15-2-77-5; Dodemaide 12.4-2-43-1; Bunting 7-1-28-0; Donelan 3-0-7-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings 299 for 5 dec (N J Lenham 86, A P Wells 78).

Second Innings

N J Lenham c C S Cowdrey b Fleming	20
J W Hall c sub b Davis	52
D M Smith c Ward b Davis	71
A P Wells c and b Davis	36
M P Speight lbw b Davis	1
*C M Wells not out	42
A I C Dodemaide c De Villiers b Davis	13
A C S Pigott c Ward b Davis	10
†P Moores not out	1
Extras (b 14, lb 5)	19
Total (7 wkts)	265

R A Bunting and B T P Donelan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-132, 3-193, 4-198, 5-201, 6-221, 7-247.

BOWLING: De Villiers 14-3-48-0; Wren 7-0-39-0; Davis 31.4-10-97-6; Fleming 14-3-38-1; Ward 5-0-26-0

Umpires: P J Eele and R Julian.

U-19 International England v Pakistan

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): England Under-19 drew with Pakistan Under-19

PAKISTAN U-19: First Innings 298 for 8 dec (M Jamshed 96, N A Mughal 57).

Second Innings

M Jamshed c Roberts b Hallett	7
A Rashid Mehmood c Roberts b Gough	0
T Mehmood c Noon b Gough	24
Z Fazal b Grayson	73
N A Mughal c Noon b Barnett	4
M S Ahmad c Noon b Barnett	5
S Hussain not out	49
A Laeeq c Crawley b Grayson	0
M Rana b Gough	2
A Rahman not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 2)	6
Total (8 wkts)	171

*†M Khan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-28, 3-45, 4-68, 5-100, 6-122, 7-122, 8-162.

BOWLING: Gough 13-1-53-3; Hallett 6-1-25-1; Barnett 15-4-25-2; Cork 1-0-5-0; Roberts 11-1-57-0; Grayson 4-4-0-2.

ENGLAND U-19: First Innings

P A Grayson b Laeeq	18
P C L Holloway lbw b Laeeq	96
J P Crawley lbw b Shahid Hussain	93
M Keech b Hussain	10
K A Butler c Mehmood b Laeeq	43
A R Roberts st Ahmad b Hussain	33
*†W M Noon b Rahman	16
J C Hallett c Ahmad b Rana	1
D Gough lbw b Rana	8
D Cork c Mehmood b Hussain	13
A A Barnett not out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 1, nb 6)	17
Total	352

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-197, 3-218, 4-231, 5-300, 6-304, 7-309, 8-321, 9-344.

BOWLING: Maqsood Rana 20-2-67-2; Ataur Rahman 19.3-0-72-1; Athar Laeeq 31-8-80-3; Shahid Hussain 49-20-88-4; Rashid Mehmood 18-3-47-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and B J Meyer.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: six completed innings, avge 60.17

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
T M Moody	8	13	2	1136	168	103.27	7	1
G A Hick	16	25	8	1742	252*	102.47	5	13
G A Gooch	14	24	3	2141	333	101.95	10	5
M E Waugh	18	27	6	1745	207*	83.09	7	7
S J Cook	21	36	7	2360	313*	81.37	8	10
N H Fairbrother	18	28	7	1700	366	80.95	4	9
B R Hardie	11	16	7	686	125	76.22	2	4
M A Crawley	10	12	3	672	105*	74.66	2	5
M A Atherton	17	27	3	1728	191	72.00	7	10
R A Smith	14	22	6	1119	181	69.93	5	5
D J Bicknell	11	17	4	901	169	69.30	3	5
D L Haynes	19	33	4	1970	255*	67.93	7	5
I V A Richards	17	27	5	1425	164*	64.77	7	3
A R Butcher	19	33	4	1852	151*	63.86	6	12
A J Lamb	13	22	4	1149	235	63.83	4	3
R J Bailey	19	32	8	1525	204*	63.54	4	8
C L Smith	19	32	6	1621	148	62.34	3	11
R D B Croft	11	17	9	487	91*	60.87	—	4
J P Stephenson	20	34	8	1580	202*	60.76	4	9
C J Tavaré	21	27	4	1384	156	60.17	2	12

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets, avge 29.23

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
I R Bishop	310.5	70	855	47	18.19	6-71	2	—
M D Marshall	429	104	1101	59	18.66	7-47	2	1
G J Parsons	189.5	56	497	23	21.60	6-75	2	—
O H Mortensen	263.5	75	654	30	21.80	4-22	—	—
Waqar Younis	314	54	982	44	22.31	7-73	2	1
D A Reeve	294.4	93	681	28	24.32	4-42	—	—
A R C Fraser	408.2	87	1033	40	25.82	6-30	3	—
C A Walsh	481.1	79	1516	58	26.13	8-58	3	1
K J Barnett	228.5	46	603	23	26.21	4-28	—	—
C E L Ambrose	375	97	1027	39	26.33	5-49	3	—
M P Bicknell	568.5	131	1565	59	26.52	5-34	1	—
J E Benjamin	371.3	68	1124	42	26.76	5-29	4	—
D J Capel	198	44	605	22	27.50	5-74	1	—
R K Illingworth	708	227	1693	60	28.21	5-59	1	—
D R Pringle	341.3	88	935	33	28.33	5-66	1	—
S M McEwan	268.2	55	796	28	28.42	3-38	—	—
J E Emburey	762.3	223	1594	56	28.46	5-32	2	—
D E Malcolm	436.2	86	1378	48	28.70	5-46	2	—
N A Foster	588	122	1783	62	28.75	6-32	3	1
I T Botham	194.4	38	614	21	29.23	4-65	—	—

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood Source: TCCB/Bull

SQUASH RACKETS

Maturing Macfie earns her chance

From Colin McQuillan in Rotterdam

SENGA Macfie, often dismissed as a serious prospect in English squash, has exploited the absence of many of the world's more recognised players to secure a half-chance of an historic niche in the game by reaching the final of the first European closed championship.

Having already despatched Carolyn Mett, the No. 2 seed, 9-5, 9-6, 9-4 in a 35-minute semi-final, Macfie judged the requirement needed against the No. 1 seed, Babette Hoogendoorn, of The Netherlands, to be equally within her reach in the final.

For many years the rogue talent of junior women's squash, Macfie appears to be finding a more disciplined approach to the senior game. "I have kept an unusually low profile here," said the 21-year-old from Richmond, Surrey.

Even in her earliest junior days, it was not unheard of for Macfie to arrive at courtside straight from some nocturnal adventure in a strange town. At the 1987 junior world championships, she ran from Brighton beach to the Sussex University campus after having "gone for a dip" in the afternoon and forgotten on which bus to return for her quarter-final.

One of a pair of sisters of Scottish descent, she has kept the English game both amused and exasperated since first picking up a racket. Helen Macfie, two years younger but showing earlier promise of settling, took a good look at Hoogendoorn here when losing 9-7 in the fifth game of their second-round encounter. Information will undoubtedly have been passed on.

Mett has been a family friend through junior days but it earned her little protection in the semi-final. Winning was plainly the Macfie priority on this trip.

RESULTS: Semi-finals. Men: A Davies (Wales) bt P Kenyon (Eng), 9-7, 6-9, 9-6, 2-9, 9-2; C Walker (Eng) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 9-1, 10-8, 9-7. **Women:** S Macfie (Eng) bt C Mett (Eng), 9-5, 9-6, 9-4; B Hoogendoorn (Neth) bt D Grzenia (WG), 9-7, 9-6, 5-9, 9-5.

NETBALL

April tour threat to counties

By Louise Taylor

AS PLAYERS swap sun-loungers for circuit-training sessions, the administrators of the English Counties League are speculating as to how England's scheduled tour of New Zealand next April will disrupt the season's finale.

"The timing of the tour means that the leading English counties could lose their key players at the most crucial point of the League season, when the championship and relegation are being decided. The organisers are worried about it," Liz Nicholl, the chief executive of the All England Netball Association (AENA), said.

While county players are undergoing trials for first team places when the League season begins in October, England internationals are vying for inclusion in Betty Galsworthy's squad to face Australia in November.

The Australians have named a ten-strong squad to play England in Gateshead, Leicester, and London, along with games against representative sides in the south-east, south, and east regions.

One surprising omission is that of Sally Ironmonger, the goalkeeper, whose height and bulk provoked comparisons to a New York Madam when she toured England in 1986.

Ironmonger and some of her colleagues are otherwise committed on a tour of China, a nation still developing in netabll terms. That means that Australia is sending some younger, less experienced players.

Nevertheless, it will be an achievement if England manage a single victory against a country with whom they have a history of almost uninterupted defeat.

STUDENT SPORT

Lambert unavailable

ALISON McDonald and Claire Blackshaw, recipients of sports scholarships from Bath University, compete in the World Student golf championships in Montpellier, France, later this year (Mike Lamb writes).

The women's team, which includes Fiona McKay, of Edinburgh University, Kirsty Speak, of Loughborough, and the Huddersfield Polytechnic student, Jane Copley, is without the Scottish international, Catriona Lambert, who is unavailable. Lambert, who led the British team to its best ever placing, second, will be missed, but the team is not short of experience.

Alan Matthers and Callum McPhail, from Edinburgh, head the men's team which also finished second in 1988. Mathers was twelfth two years ago.

In the men's team is Mark Church, of Leeds University, the British Universities' matchplay champion, and Roger Barrow, second in the strokeplay. Simon Skeldon, of Surrey University, and Chris Cowan, from Heriot Watt, complete the team.

CYCLING

Golden bars for Kirichenko

MAEBASHI, Japan (Reuter) — Aleksandr Kirichenko, denied a gold medal last year when his handlebars snapped in half while at top speed, made up for the disappointment by winning the amateur kilometre time trial at the world championships here yesterday.

The Soviet rider, who is both Olympic champion and world record holder, sped to the first gold medal in 1min 03.565sec. "Last year my handlebars broke, this time I had good luck," the rider, aged 23, said.

Martin Vinnicombe, of Australia, a former world champion whom Kirichenko beat in the Olympics, was second in 1:03.919 and last year's winner, Jens Glücklich, of East Germany, took the bronze.

Michael Hubner, the East German in his debut year as a professional, kept on course for the sprint gold after advice from his wife, Heidi. She telephoned from their holiday flat in the south of France to tell Hubner that she had noticed on television that he was starting his final sprint too late.

Hubner yesterday easily disposed of the Japanese, Yuichiro Kamiyama, and in today's semi-finals will race Hideyuki Matsui, of Japan while the defending champion, Claudio Golinelli, of Italy, faces the 1988 winner, Stephen Pate, of Australia.

"I have been married for 10 years and my wife is a good coach. She has a good eye for sprinting and I take her advice," Hubner said.

RESULTS: Men. Amateur 1km time trial final: 1, A Kirichenko (USSR), 1min 03.565sec; 2, M Vinnicombe (Aus), 1:03.919; 3, J Glücklich (EG), 1:04.210; 4, F Magne (Fr), 1:04.705; 5, R Travella (Switz), 1:05.184; 6, J Moreno (Sp), 1:06.575. 18, A Hawkins (GB), 1:07.187. **Amateur 4,000m individual pursuit quarter-finals:** V Baturo (USSR) 4min 35.30sec bt C Mathy (Bel), 4:38.05; Y Berzin (USSR), 4:32.86 bt M Kingsland (Aus), 4:42.91; S Hegg (US), 4:32.98 bt C Boardman (GB), 4:38.06; M McCarthy (US), 4:32.33 bt J Lehmann (EG), 4:34.14.

Amateur sprint, first round, heats winners: B Huck (EG), C Harnett (Can), J Fiedler (EG), K Carpenter (US), N Kovsh (USSR), F Colas (Fr), M Schultze (EG), V Strakhov (USSR). **Repechage winners:** U Buchtmann (WG), G Neiwand (Aus), E Schoets (Bel), G Capitano (It), 11.164.

Professional sprint, first round heat winners: M Hubner (EG), C Golinelli (It), S Pate (Aus), H Matsui (Japan). **Repechage winners:** P Darocha (Fr), Y Kamiyama (Japan), C Hall (Aus), N Vails (US).

Quarter-finals (best of three): Hubner bt Kamiyama 2-0 (final 200m 10.164/11.774); Golinelli bt Darocha 2-0 (12.549/10.546); Pate bt Vails 2-0 (10.932/10.926); Matsui bt Hall, wo. **Women: Sprint, first round heat winners:** I Gautheron (Fr), A Neumann (EG), C Young (US), G Enukhina (USSR), R Dupral (US), F Ballanger (Fr), Kim Jin-young (SKor), R Ratzmala (USSR). **Repechage winners:** G Dorrasch (WG), S Wolke (EG), O Grishina (USSR), C Ola (China).

FOOTBALL

Higher prize-money announced for divisional winners

By CLIVE WHITE and IAN ROSS

BARCLAYS Bank, the Football League sponsor, yesterday announced a £60,000 increase in prize-money for the four divisions this season which is incorporated in a £7 million deal, over the next three years.

Sponsorship this season will be £2.2 million, for 1991-2 £2.3 million, and for 1992-3 £2.5 million.

The prize-money has risen from £240,000 to £300,000 which will earn the runner-up in the first division £50,000 instead of £20,000, the second team in the second division £20,000 instead of £15,000 and the runners-up in the third and fourth divisions £10,000 as against £5,000 last season.

The first division champions will again receive £100,000 with the second division winners collecting £45,000 and the champions of the third and fourth divisions receiving £20,000.

The England manager, Graham Taylor, has agreed to succeed his predecessors, Bobby Robson and Ron Greenwood, as the chairman of the panel which nominates the Barclays Bank manager-of-the-year award, which is worth £5,000, and other lesser awards given throughout the season.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Football Association said yesterday that it may attempt to stop Ronny Rosenthal, the Liverpool forward, playing in the Football League unless he pays a fine which was imposed three months ago.

Rosenthal, who joined Liverpool from Standard Liège, of Belgium, in a £1 million transfer during the summer, was barred from international football for two years and fined £5,000 by the IFA in May after he refused to play against the Soviet Union in Tel Aviv because of an insurance dispute.

Rosenthal appealed unsuccessfully against the decision at the beginning of June but as of yesterday the Israeli authorities were still awaiting payment of the fine.

Rosenthal's appearance as a substitute in the Charity Shield game against Manchester United at Wembley on Saturday prompted the IFA to issue what can only be construed as a veiled threat.

"Until now, the Association has not said that they will prevent Rosenthal from playing but now is the time to do that. He has taken advantage of the goodwill of our chairman, Shaul Swiri, " Jacob Harel, a member of the IFA, said .

Swiri said that he and his colleagues were delighted with the progress being made by Rosenthal in English football but that the fine must be paid immediately.

"The penalty is something that must be paid," he said.

Peter Robinson, the chief executive of Liverpool, said: "I am not sure what powers they have now that he is contracted to Liverpool.

Taylor's new deadline

GRAHAM Taylor, the England manager, intends to give League managers more time before deciding whether or not a player is fit for international duty on the weekend before a midweek international. Consequently, players will not be asked to report at England's headquarters until Monday lunch time as opposed to Sunday, which has hitherto been the case.

Taylor, whose first match in charge will be against Hungary at Wembley on September 12, believes that it will put an end to snap decisions on the part of managers who have tended to withdraw players, sometimes prematurely, rather than risk sending them away on England duty with an injury received in the Saturday match.

"We all know that players injured on a Saturday are often fit in time for the following midweek club game," Taylor said. "Apart from which, I would prefer that they got the Saturday match out of their system.

Nightmare start to a dream

From PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

A CLUB'S first-ever match in Europe is meant to be the stuff of dreams. But with five players on the injured list, reality is closing in on Bray Wanderers as they prepare for their European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round tie against the Turkish Cup holders, Trabzonspor, in Dublin tonight.

The tie has come frighteningly early for the club's manager, Pat Devlin, who was in America at the end of a long season when word came through that his side had drawn the short straw of a preliminary-round match in the middle of August, something no side in these islands would relish.

For a team of part-timers, it posed even greater problems. "I'd told them to be sure and get their holidays out of the way by August 20," Devlin, who doubles as Liverpool's scout in Ireland, remarked somewhat ruefully.

It has also caught the followers unawares. With a crowd of more than 5,000 needed to cover the costs of the return in Trabzon, ticket sales have been worryingly slow, which was also perhaps not helped by the unavoidable decision to move the game to Dublin, to Shelbourne's Tolka Park.

Trabzonspor are hardly the ideal opponents, as either crowd-pullers or as a soft touch. The Turkish Cup winners may not terrify Barcelona, who lie ahead in the first round for the victors, but everything is relative in football, and with four members of the Turkish national squad and two Yugoslavs, Trabzonspor look like giants to a side who have been in the League of Ireland for only five years.

Preparations for the biggest day in Bray's history have not been ideal, with most of the team doing a day's work before training last night, as the manager tried to sort out what he described as the worst injury list in his six years in the job. Sunday's defeat in the League Cup by Bohemians has not helped.

John Ryan, who scored all three goals in the Irish Cup Final, has returned from a week's training with Bolton Wanderers in form. He will pose the main threat

Champions have easy passage to second round

IAN STEWART

Bunker mentality: Karen Tenniswood atones for father Brad's error in the Burhill family foursomes yesterday

Dobson's choice is to rest

HELEN Dobson, the defending champion, has withdrawn from the British women's open amateur strokeplay championship, which begins today at Strathavan Golf Club in Lanarkshire (a Special Correspondent writes).

The Curtis Cup player, aged 19, from Seacroft in Lincolnshire, has struggled throughout the season with an elbow problem and has finally decided to rest the injury.

"I've tried to play through it but it hasn't worked," she said. "I'm now going to see whether a rest will do the trick. I shan't play again until Christmas."

Dobson, a quarter-finalist in the recent US women's amateur championship, will also miss the women's home internationals at Hunstanton next month.

Among the contenders for the British title are Julie Hall, the British women's champion, Helen Wadsworth, the Welsh international, and the Scottish pair, Catriona Lambert and Elain Farquharson.

● Ian Garbutt, the English amateur champion, and Jim Payne, the captain, head a formidable English team to meet Scotland in the annual youths international at Southerness today.

England won the Alex Mackay Memorial Trophy for the third time in succession at Ashburnham last year, but can expect a determined effort from the Scottish team, which includes the new cap, Garry Jack. He is hoping to complete a double after having beaten England in the recent boys' home internationals in Norfolk.

● Darren Clarke, the Irish amateur champion, has given up the chance of playing in the Walker Cup at Portmarnock next year by turning professional. His first challenge will be to gain his European Tour card at the qualifying school in Montpellier, France, in November.

Benkas' hopes bankrupted

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE Benkas got their money's worth at Burhill yesterday and also their comeuppance in the annual family foursomes. Peter with the daughter, Clare, and Pamela (née Tredinnick) with the son, Mark, went beyond the home hole and were beaten at the 19th.

Against Karena Meyer and her son, Harry, Pamela and Mark Benka lost three holes in a row from the 15th, while Peter and Clare Benka, reversing family fortunes, won three successive holes from the 14th against Jennifer and Stephen Ross, only to surrender, limply like the other members of the household, at the first extra hole.

Stephen Ross gave full credit to his partners. "Mum didn't miss a fairway," he said. He put a seven-iron into bunkers at the 14th and 16th. Meanwhile, Peter Benka recalled his Walker Cup days with a superb three-iron to six feet at the 15th, but all to no avail.

Pamela, a former Curtis Cup player, and Mark played the 15th and 17th, like the 19th, so badly that the Meyers did not need the strokes they would of received on handicap and amid those indiscretions the Benka's overhit the 16th green with a seven iron.

The lowest handicap pair, Nigel Paul (2) and Jenny (5), took three putts at the 16th and 17th against the Joneses, to go back to one up, whereupon the daughter staunched the flow with a fine five-iron to the 18th green. Paul, once a Warwickshire county cricketer, recently won the English seniors championship. His daughter, an Alice-in-Wonderland figure with long fair hair, is aged 16. Together they make a formidable combination.

The holders, Jean and Patrick Lawson, could hardly have had an easier passage through the first round. They beat Molly Rowledge, a spry 78, and her son Jake by nine and eight.

Virtually the only shot the winners dropped was at the ninth,

FIRST ROUND RESULTS FROM BURHILL

Mrs L Huxtable and N F Huxtable (Addington Palace) bt Mrs P Harvey and A Harvey (Walton Heath), 1 up; Mrs M E Maisey and S Maisey (Ellesborough) bt J Dobson and Miss A Dobson (Wentworth), 4 and 3; Mrs M Riley and A J Riley (Richmond) bt Mrs G Wood and C Wood (W Wilts), at 19th; Mrs W Lloyd and R Lloyd (The Berkshire) bt P N Cox and Mrs D Marriott (Walton Heath/Hunsercombe), 4 and 2; Mrs P Friday and M Friday (Sunningdale) bt Mrs D C Nugent and D Nugent (Hindhead), 6 and 5; Mrs F Ralph and J Ralph (Ellesborough) bt Mrs J E Blok and P S Blok (Purley Downs), 1 up; Mrs A Gibbs and R Gibbs (Harpenden) bt Mrs G Hollington and Dr W Hollington (Mid Herts/John O'Gaunt), 6 and 5; J F Doubleday and Mrs P C Gulliver (Tandridge) bt Mrs I Galbraith and J Galbraith (Sandy Lodge), 2 and 1; Mrs H M G Pryor and M H Pryor (West Hill) bt Mrs R J Lavelle and A Lavelle (Berkshire), 3 and 2; Mrs M D Petch and R Petch (Sunningdale) bt Mrs E P Dale and C J Dale (Goring and Streatley), 1 up; Mrs M Pollitt and R Pollitt (Burhill) bt Mrs P Bucknall and G Bucknall (Mid Herts), 5 and 4; Mrs B Gundry and R Gundry (Walton Heath) bt Mrs A Williamson and C Williamson (Hadley Wood), 1 up; Mrs J J Ross and S Ross (Wyke Green/Burhill) bt P Benka and Miss C Benka (Walton Heath), at 19th.

Mrs E Alderson and J Alderson (Effingham) bt Mrs M Brown and I Brown (Hindhead), 4 and 2; Mrs J Walker and E W C Walker (Royal Mid Surrey) bt P D Vincent and Mrs B K Cross (Burhill), 2 and 1; P B Allen and Miss A W Allen (Woburn/Moortown) bt Mrs C Bond and A Bond (Burhill), 4 and 3; A Titcomb and Miss C Titcomb (Piltdown) bt J A Harvey and Miss P Harvey (Burhill/Royal Wimbledon), 7 and 6; Mrs P Stovold and S Stovold (W Surrey) bt Mrs M Bartlett and J Bartlett (Beaconsfield), 4 and 3; H Deane and Miss K Deane (Royal Asdown Forest) bt Mrs S Donald and C J Donald (W Sussex), 5 and 3; Mrs J Robb and N F Robb (Burhill) bt Mrs M Addison and J Addison (Burnham Beeches), 4 and 3; C P Masters and Miss K M Masters (W Sussex) bt Mrs D Dixon and H Dixon (Hunterscombe), 4 and 3; P Burton and Miss K Burton (Wimbledon Pk/Walton Heath) bt Mrs I G Corbin and J A Corbin (La Moye/Sunningdale), 3 and 2; P Croft and Miss S Croft (Burhill) bt Mrs M Crauford and R J Crauford (Temple), 5 and 4; Mrs J Tate and M Tate (Royal Ashdown Forest) bt J V Wilson and Miss J C Wilson (Tandridge), 8 and 7; Mrs P Robinson and B Robinson (Burhill) bt Mrs JV Mander and JN Mander (Sunningdale Ladies/Cold Ashby), 5 and 4; Mrs G Blok and J Blok (Walton Heath) bt M E Crouch and Mrs A W Woollen (West Malling), 4 and 3.

Mrs K Meyer and H Meyer (Royal Ashdown Forest) bt Mrs P Benka and M Benka (Walton Heath), at 19th; Mrs J Turner and A Turner (W Sussex) bt Mrs H Redford and P Willis (New Zealand), 2 and 1; Mrs A Cotton and R Cotton (St George's Hill) bt Mrs J Beach and T Beach (Church Stretton), 1 up; Mrs L Gilbert and N Gilbert (Burhill) bt C Constable and Mrs M DiMichele (Burhill), 2 and 1; Mrs CM Willis and M Willis (Woking) bt B Tenniswood and Miss K Tenniswood (Home Park), 1 up; J Kendall and Miss V Kendall (Wentworth) bt Mrs A Croft and M Croft (Burhill), 3 and 1; J London and Mrs C Coventry (Banstead Downs) bt M Cochrane and Miss L Cochrane (Littlestone/Roehampton), 3 and 2; N A Paul and Miss J Paul (Newport,Dyfed/Walton Heath) bt M F A Jones and Miss S Jones (Burhill/Royal Mid Surrey), 1 up; Mrs P Cunliffe and A Cunliffe (Stoke Poges) bt Mrs S Whiteley and C J Whiteley (Camberley Heath/Southwood), 3 and 2; Mrs J Best and S Best (Burhill) bt Mrs J M L Burles and M R Burles (Tandridge/Aberdovey), 7 and 5; Mrs J Parfect and M Parfect (Prenton/Moor Hall) bt Mrs J Holland and C Holland (Sunningdale), 4 and 2; Mrs J Lawson and P Lawson (Stoneham/Hockley) bt Mrs M Rowledge and J Rowledge (Burhill), 9 and 8; Mrs E E Morgan and S Morgan (W Sussex/Bognor) bt Mrs S Greenleaf and P Greenleaf (Burhill), 2 and 1; Mrs S Strading and R Strading (Roehampton) bt R Anderson and Mrs K Kuhler (Thurleston/Croham Hurst), 1 up.

Mrs S J Bristowe and M G Bristowe (Woking) bt Mrs A E Barrow and A J Barrow (Mid Herts/Castletown), 3 and 1; P J Renshaw and Miss K B Renshaw (Walton Heath) bt Mrs B C Vertigen and M J Vertigen (Clacton-on-Sea/RAC Epsom), 1 up; A Lloyd and Miss P Lloyd (Royal St George's/Berkshire) bt Mrs J Davis and T Davis (Ashridge), 6 and 4; Mrs L Sechiari and P Sechiari (Woking) bt Mrs F Wheeler and D Wheeler (Purley Downs), 1 up; Mrs J Newman and MA Newman (Coombe Hill/Banstead Downs) bt M J Monk and Miss E A Monk (Tandridge), at 19th; Mrs J Street and N J Street (Burhill/Burford) bt J K Birley and Miss J Birley (Tandridge), 8 and 7; J M R Klasek and Mrs H L Ray (Royal Wimbledon/Royal Mid Surrey) bt Mrs MJ Weller and J Weller (Woking/Burhill), 3 and 2; Mrs A Sexton and C Weekes (Burhill/Royal Mid Surrey) bt Mrs M Shergold and R J Shergold (Blackmoor), 1 up; B Rowan and Miss S Rowan (The Drift/Worplesdon) bt Mrs M Daly and J Daly (Burhill/El Paraiso), 5 and 3; Mrs P Jardine and S Jardine (Walton Heath) bt Mrs B Ritchie and I Ritchie (W Sussex), 3 and 2; Mrs J Scott-Malden and J N Scott-Malden (Leatherhead/Dorking) bt M Johnson and Miss B Johnson (Wentworth), 5 and 3; Mrs V Dolton and H Dolton (Burhill) bt Mrs P Baker and P Baker (Sandy Lodge/Lyme Regis), 5 and 4.

BOWLS

Father and son pair make more progress

By GORDON ALLAN

MICHAEL Newman and his son, Robert, aged 15, from Reading, reached the semi-finals of the Woolwich EBA pairs championship with a 23-14 win over Paddington at Worthing yesterday. This morning they play John Ottaway and Roger Guy of Wymondham Dell.

There could be an all-Norfolk final because Geoffrey Roll and John George, of County Arts, Norwich, are also in the last four. They play Colin Harman and Paul Cater, of West Ealing, London, who beat Ronald Keating and David Cutler 26-25 on an extra end.

A conversion shot in mid-match by Michael Newman, that turned five down into three up against Joseph Brook and Gerald Smyth, had a telling influence on the outcome. The Paddington pair never quite recovered and the Newmans finished confidently.

They had won a remarkable match against Norman Merrett and Ernest Over in the third round. The Coventry pair, leading 17-10 after 16 ends, dropped 13 shots across the remaining five, with the 19th tied when two bowls touching the jack could not be separated.

Roll and George were behind for much of the time against Alan Johnson and George Watson before winning six ends to lead 17-14 and confine their opponents to two on the last. Ottaway and Guy just got the better of Ian Reeves and David Taylor in a fluctuating contest.

Ottaway is also due to open the defence of his singles title with a preliminary round match against John Weaver of Worcester today.

RESULTS: Pairs, third round: R Keating and D Cutler (Plymouth Civil Service) bt I Walker and R Tansley (Kingsthorpe, Northants), 29-9; C Harman and P Cater (West Ealing) bt M South and M Caldwell (Stratford-on-Avon), 22-11; G Roll and J George (County Arts, Norfolk) bt S Mundy and P Dawson (Bournemouth), 19-16; A Johnson and G Watson (Portland, Northumberland) bt D Thomas and P Dickens (Players Athletic, Notts), 16-14; I Reeves and D Taylor (British Rail, Cumbria) bt C Edwards and P Towers (Looe, Cornwall), 21-16; J Ottaway and R Guy (Wymondham Dell, Norfolk) bt T Honnor and G Little (Mid-Surrey), 21-15; R and M Newman (Reading) bt N Merrett and E Over (Stoke, Coventry), 23-17; J Brook and G Smyth (Paddington) bt W Powell and D Denison (Newton Abbott), 16-14.

Quarter-finals: Harman and Cater bt Keating and Cutler, 26-25; Roll and George bt Johnson and Watson, 17-16; Ottaway and Guy bt Reeves and Taylor, 21-17; Newman and Newman bt Brook and Smyth, 23-14.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Brewers give Kangaroos tour backing

CASTLEMAINE, the Australian brewer, is giving £250,000 to the Australian touring team, the Kangaroos, who arrive in Britain on October 1 (Keith Macklin writes).

The brewer also backed the Australian cricket side. Announcing the deal in Manchester yesterday, Paul Wielgus, the marketing manager, said: "This demonstrates our belief that we should link up with the very best in Australian sport." The Kangaroos play their first game against St Helens on October 7.

● A circular from Rugby Football League headquarters has given a severe warning to players who spit at opponents. Referees have been instructed to dismiss instantly any player spitting at an opponent, a practice which has been on the increase.

SNOOKER

Davis 'not hungry any more'

From A CORRESPONDENT
HONG KONG

AS THE sport's leading professionals begin the new season in the 555 world series challenge here today, the world champion, Stephen Hendry, voiced the opinion that Steve Davis, his main rival, would never regain the position of world No. 1.

Hendry, who yesterday scored a maximum 147 break in practice, said: "Steve hasn't played so well for the last couple of years and perhaps he isn't as hungry for success any more. I can't see him getting back to No. 1, though I am certainly not writing him off because he is capable of winning any title.

"Steve was at the top for seven years and it was a proud moment for me when I took over from him as world champion and world No. 1. But I don't think I will last so long because of the number of good young players coming through."

Davis will be the last to arrive here today because he returned to England from his honeymoon in Antigua on Sunday evening.

The world series challenge features the top eight players in the world, except for the No. 3, John Parrott. His place has been taken by Steve James.

IN BRIEF

Fine start for Bates

JEREMY Bates, the British No. 1 tennis player, playing at the OTB Open in Schenectady, New York, as his final preperation for the US Open, beat Daniel Montes de Oca, of Uruguay, 6-2, 7-5 in the first round.

Bates held points to lead 4-1 and 5-2 and a match point at 5-4 before winning.

Strong squad

Great Britain, playing as the Unicorns, has selected a strong squad for the international club tournament starting at Tilburg, The Netherlands, on Friday.

GREAT BRITAIN (Unicorns): S Taylor (Stourport), D Luckes (East Grinstead), D Faulkner (Havant, captain), S Martin (Holywood '87), J [illegible] (Teddington), Soma Singh (Southgate), R Hill (Havant), C Mayer (Cannock), S Nicklin (Slough), J Kirkwood (Lisnagarvey), J Shaw, N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), R Carr (East Grinstead), D Williams (Havant), J Halls (Old Loughtonians).

Cycling ban

Amsterdam (AP) — The cyclist, Gert-Jan Theunisse, of The Netherlands, has been suspended by his team because he used banned stimulants in three races over the past two years.

Moseley pitch

Moseley rugby union club has spent £7,500 on levelling and reseeding its pitch at The Reddings.

EQUESTRIANISM

Bentley's vintage form

THE best 29 teams of four riders aged 12 to 20 from the United Kingdom competed in the Champion Pony Club Dressage championships at Weston Park, Shifnal, yesterday, for which they all had to qualify from regional competitions (a Special Correspondent writes).

North Warwickshire regained the team championship, which they won in 1985 and 1986, with Crawley and Horsham in second place and the 1988 and 1989 winners, Holcombe Harriers, third.

Jemma Bentley, aged 20, from Kineton achieved the best test in the championships riding her mother's horse, Fosseway Farmer, and helped by her mother and a dressage rider, Carol Baker. She also won the best individual and junior awards on the same horse.

Lizzie Styler, aged 14, from Coventry, riding a horse who has recently recovered from a virus, Annabel Almond, aged 19, from Kenilworth on her young six-year-old, and Cathy Fenn, aged 19, brought in as a sustitute the day before completed the successful team.

RESULTS: Team championships: 1, North Warwickshire, 853pts; 2, Crawley and Horsham, 835; 3, Holcombe, 824; 4, Heythrop, 822. First boy: R Carpenter (Crawley and Horsham). First junior (under-14): G Bentley (North Warwickshire). Best individual: Bentley.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

WOLVERHAMPTON: Open 7-mile road race: 1, T Parr (Wolverhampton), 35min 5sec; 2, B McEvoy (Rowheath), 35:51; 3, S Emson (Wolverhampton), 36:06. Team: Wolverhampton. Veteran: P Donaldson (Wolverhampton), 40:10.
RIPON: Half-marathon: 1, B Barwick (Sunderland), 1hr 8min 50sec; 2, T Graham (Newport), 1:09:52; 3, G Penhaligan (Tadcaster), 1:10:09. Veteran: J Maddison (Sunderland), 1:19:11. Team: Sunderland. Women: C Buckley (Ney), 1:25:46.
TEESDALE: Stage 25km road race: 1, P Bowen (Wirral), 1hr 27min 27sec; 2, N Ingram (Crick), 1:28:37; 3, T Horsley (Blythe), 1:28:38. Team: Blythe, 15pts. Veteran: K Sanderson (Teesdale), 1:30:38. Women: S Cook (March), 1:48:51.
NEWARK: Open 6-mile road race: 1, R Ironmonger (Notts), 28min 8sec; 2, N Lees (Omega), 28:12; 3, E Hyland (Redhill), 28:16. Team: 1, Omega, 46pts; 2, Notts, 78; 3, Redhill, 88. Veteran: W Chance (Notts), 30:15. Women: 1, E Adams (Sutton-in-Ashfield), 38:34.
GATESHEAD: Derwent 5-mile road race: 1, K Bell (Blaydon), 25min 31sec; 2, M Humble (Gosforth), 25:42; 3, A Richardson (Heaton), 25:50. Veteran: J Spoadiff (Gateshead), 26:55.
HARTLEPOOL: 6½-mile road race: 1, I Cook (Hartlepool), 32:04; 2, S Mariday (Mandale), 32:42; 3, P Kelly (Hartlepool), 33:10. Veteran: R Firth (Mandale), 34:18. Women: J Coates (Jarrow and Hebburn), 40:38.
RAMSEY: Isle of Man marathon: 1, R Callister (Southern AC), 2hr 39min 58sec; 2, J Baird (Haddington), 2:45:24; 3, A Bagley (Stockport H), 2:47:12. Veteran: D Jeffers (Northdown, N Ire), 2:54:18. Women: I Corlett (Boundary), 3:18:52.
SANDOWN: Isle of Wight half-marathon: 1, G Smith (Ryde H), 1hr 10min 51sec; 2, G Took (Hercules Wimbledon), 1:11:20; 3, A Robertson (Ryde H), 1:12:01. Veteran: P Turner (Ipswich Jaffa), 1:18:46. Team: Ryde Harriers, 3:40:24. Women: E Farrell (Worcester), 1:21:41.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 7, Houston Astros 1; St Louis Cardinals 7, Atlanta Braves 2; San Diego Padres 3, New York Mets 1; San Francisco Giants 4, Montreal Expos 2; Chicago Cubs 3, Cincinnati Reds 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Philadelphia Phillies 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 6, Toronto Blue Jays 5 (11 inns); Boston Red Sox 2, Baltimore Orioles 1; California Angels 5, Detroit Tigers 3; Chicago White Sox 11, Oakland A's 1; Kansas City Royals 7, Minnesota Twins 1; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Cleveland Indians 3; Texas Rangers 8, Seattle Mariners 5.

BILLIARDS

BANGALORE: World championship: Group A: N Patel (India) bt P Tarrant (Aus), 1,337-790; P Shailey (Eng) bt M Spoormin (Bel), 1,348-865. Group B: D Collins (Aus) bt M Kothari (India), 1,368-1,157; S Agarwal (India) bt K Giles (NZ), 2,206-820; Collins bt S Clarke (N Ire), 1,428-970; S M Shakarwardi (S Lanka) wo D Sneddon (Scot), scr.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Oxford (Morris Motors): Oxfordshire 142-7 dec and 127-8 dec (T Hancock 51 not out); Devon 82-7 dec and 94-7. Match drawn. Stalybridge: Wiltshire 214-7 dec (K N Foyle 87 not out); Cheshire 14-0. Match drawn. Letchworth: Suffolk 153 (M J Peck 58) and 174 (A J Squire 52); Hertfordshire 155-3 dec and 173-0 (J D Carr 82 not out, N P G Wright 75 not out). Herts won by 10 wickets.
TOUR MATCHES: Victoria (Kidderminster) 182-3 (R Wood 73), Winscombe 186-2; Congresbury 159-7, City of London Polytechnic 156-5 (B Miles 4-49); Milford 151-4, Nailsea 157-7; Howorth 179-7 (S Simpson 58 not out), Optimists 171-6 (M Love 80).
OTHER MATCHES: Western XI 238-6 (K Bennett 101 not out), Clifton Flax Bourton 211-8; Bath and District Under-17 172 (M Sage 84; J Toghill 4-36), Bristol and District 173-1 (D West 71 not out).

FOOTBALL

SAINT VINCENT, Italy: Four-team tournament: Fiorentina 2, Crystal Palace 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster Harriers 3, Bath City 2.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich 1, Morecambe 1. First division: Curzon Ashton 2, Radcliffe 1; Emley 0, Accrington Stanley 3; Rossendale 2, Irlam 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier Division: Chelmsford 1, Dover 1; Worcester 0, Atherstone 0. Midland division: Hednesford 0, Spalding 0; Nuneaton 2, King's Lynn 0; Willenhall 3, Bedworth 1. Southern division: Salisbury 1, Yate 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield 2, Paulton 1; Taunton 4, Tiverton 1.

GOLF

PATSHULL PARK, Shropshire: Golf Foundation NatWest age group championship: First round leaders: Boys: Under-18: 75: C Lane (Kingsthorpe). 76: A McAllister (King's Lynn). 77: D Patrick (Mortonhall), J Palmer (Enmore Park). Under-15: 72: G Harris (Broome Manor). 77: C Rodgers (Royal Mid-Surrey), C Robinson (Brookmans Park). 78: B Sandry (Exeter), C Smith (Scarborough South Cliff). Girls: Under-18: 80: T Poulton (Boyce Hill). 83: B Jones (Denbigh). 87: S Scrimshire (Nottingham City). Under-15: 81: G Simpson (Cleckheaton). 83: A Walker (Lanark), V Hanks (Broome Manor). 88: M McGreevy (Rossmore).

HANG GLIDING

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP (Lake District): Overall: 1, J Pendry, 5149pts; 2, R Hamilton, 4343; 3, J Flynn, 4195; 4, M Stephens, 4122; 5, R Rhodes, 4007.

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGES RALLIES: Loudoun (Ayrshire): 1, J Brodie (Opel Manta) 27min 3sec; 2, T Janetta (Ford Escort) 27:06; 3, I Rae (Ford Escort) 27:10. Micro Pioneer (South Shropshire): 1, M Jasper (Renault 5), 24:39; 2, G Evans (Ford Escort), 2F, 27:58; 3, P Hill (Vauxhall Nova), 5F, 24:22. Milestone (North Wales): 1, P Jones (Opel Manta) 39:02; 2, J Hardman (Ford Escort), 39.07; 3, M Jones (Ford Escort), 39.07. Bow and Arrow (Devon): 1, P Harewood (Ford Escort), 10min; 2, K Oakey (Talbot Samba), 20; 3, D Drayton (Alpha Romeo 33), 32.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Castres 13, Wakefield 61.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Reading 45, Wolverhampton 45.
THREE-TEAM CHALLENGE (at Exeter): 1, Exeter, 32 pts; 2, Swindon, 24; 3, Rangers, 22.

SQUASH RACKETS

SINGAPORE: Singapore Open championship: First round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt B Newton (Aus), 15-13, 15-3, 15-5; M Cairns (Eng) bt Umar Hayat (Pak), 15-12, 14-17, 15-10, 15-3; M Carlyon (Aus) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-10, 15-8, 15-13; A Aderraga (Sp) bt S Hailstone (Scot), 10-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-8, 15-6; B Martin (Aus) bt J Ransome (Eng), 15-10, 15-12, 15-13; Tayyab Habib (Pak) bt Sohail Qaiser (Pak), 6-15, 15-3, 15-7, 15-13; A Hill (Aus) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak), 15-3, 15-11, 15-14; D Maddings (Eng) bt H Weins (WG), 7-15, 15-6, 15-6, 15-12; J Hickox (Eng) bt A Talee (Egypt), 15-11, 15-14, 15-13; B Beeson (Eng) bt D Webb (Eng), 15-11, 15-14, 15-5; P Carter (Eng) bt C Payne (Eng), 12-15, 15-13, 15-9, 15-12; R Martin (Aus) bt P Gregory (Eng), 15-13, 15-13, 15-12; R Watt (NZ) bt P Hill (Sing), 12-15, 9-15, 15-8, 15-12, 17-15; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt Saheem Khan (Pak), 15-8, 15-8, 4-15, 4-12, 15-6; D Harris (Eng) bt E Tan (Sing), 15-6, 15-13, 15-8; C Dittmar (Aus) bt D Loughran (Eng), 15-4, 15-5, 15-4.

TENNIS

SAN MARINO: ATP tournament: First round: G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt M Cierro (It), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; F Clavet (Sp) bt M Gorriz (Sp), 6-2, 7-6; P Pambianco (It) bt J Largo (US), 6-4, 6-3; F Davin (Arg) bt F Cancellotti (It), 0-6, 7-5, 6-4; N Kulti (Swe) bt S Pescosolido (It), 3-2, ret; P Arraya (Peru) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-4, 6-1; G Prpic (Yug) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-3, 4-2, ret; T Tulasne (Fr) bt F Luna (Sp), 6-3, 6-1.
SCHENECTADY, New York: International tournament: Men's singles: First round: M Srejber (Cz) bt T Champion (Fr), 5-7, 6-3, 7-6; F Santoro (Fr) bt J Anderson (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; R Krishnan (India) bt J Kodes (Cz), 6-0, 6-4; J Bates (GB) bt D Montes de Oca (Uru), 6-2, 7-5; C Adams (US) bt M Briggs (US), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; A Olhovskiy (USSR) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; M Strelba (Cz) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-1, 6-4. Women's singles: First round: L Gildemeister (Peru) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-4, 6-1; M Werdel (US) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; W Probst (WG) bt A Coetzer (SA), 7-6, 6-1; C Caverzasio (It) bt N Medvedeva (USSR), 7-6, 6-2; S Hanika (WG) bt C Dahlman (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; M Strandlund (Swe) bt J Pospisilova (Cz), 6-1, 6-3; L Ferrando (It) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; S Hack (WG) bt L Reynares (Arg), 6-0, 6-1.
MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament: First round: P Harper (US) bt S Cecchini (It), 6-2, ret; R Zrubakova (Cz) bt T O'Reilly (US), 6-3, 6-1; A Temesvari (Hun) bt J Durie (GB), 7-6, 6-3; C Rubin (US) bt H Mandlikova (Aus), 6-4, 6-4.
COMMACK, New York: Hamlet Challenge Cup: First round: J Svensson (Swe) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; G Forget (Fr) bt G Muller (SA), 7-6, 7-6; E Jelen (WG) bt B Shelton (US), 7-6, 0-6, 6-1.
SAN MARINO: First round: R Furlan (It) bt R Azar (Arg), 6-4, 6-2; P Arraya (Peru) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-4, 6-1.
WEST BRIDGFORD, Nottingham: LTA/VW ratings tournament: Finals: Men: R Ward bt C Gill, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Women: K Crowther bt J Scott, 6-2, 6-3
ATP: Rankings: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 3,070pts; 2, B Becker (WG), 2,844; 3, I Lendl (Cz), 2,813; 4, A Agassi (US), 2,103; 5, A Gómez (Ecu), 1,943; 6, T Muster (Austria), 1,802; 7, E Sánchez (Sp), 1,531; 8, B Gilbert (US), 1,506; 9, A Krickstein (US), 1,471; 10, A Chesnokov (USSR), 1,309. Money-winners: 1, Edberg, $1,099,181; 2, Becker, $817,582; 3, Gómez, $771,940; 4, Lendl, $752,424; 5, Agassi, $610,212; 6, G Ivanisevic (Yug), $531,732; 7, Sánchez, $502,837; 8, Muster, $480,517; 9, Gilbert, $452,767; 10, P Sampras, $374,013.
WTA RANKINGS: 1, S Graf (WG); 2, M Navratilova (US); 3, M Seles (Yug); 4, Z Garrison (US); 5, G Sabatini (Arg); 6, A Sanchez-Vicario (Sp); 7, K Maleeva (Bul); 8, M J Fernandez (US); 9, M Maleeva (Switz); 10, C Martinez (Sp).

WINDSURFING

BIC 1,000km RACE: Twelfth stage (San Remo to Diano Marina, Italy): 1, B Edgington (GB), 29.183km (3hr 01min); 2, K Chamart (Tun), 28.899 (3:05); 3, E Leboe (US), 28.188 (3:15); 4, J Viesblom (Neth), 28.055 (3:17). Overall: 1, Edgington, 784.843km; 2, Viesblom, 759.884; 3, Leboe, 737.595.

YACHTING

ROYAL SOUTHAMPTON YC: Island double race: Class I: 1, Diamond (H and M Walsh); 2, Fancy That (P Bressant); 3, Sigmatic II (S and P Lawrence). Class II: 1, Yeoman 28 (Sir Owen Aisher); 2, Little Cracko (N Gent); 3, Rhapsody (R Pierce). Class III: 1, Scout Blue Caterpillar (Mr and Mrs J G Currie); 2, Google-Eye (Miss P A Stables); 3, Elan (Mr and Mrs J Bennett/Mr E Way). Class IV: 1, Joint Venture (R and C Simonds); 2, Ace On High II (A C Essex); 3, Gossip (M Sparks). Class V: 1, Nellie (S J Bannister); 2, Surona (F R Moore); 3, Geryl II (G H Davies).
YARMOUTH, Isle of Wight: Folkboat national championship: Third race: 1, Tonic (T P Husband); 2, Cidron (R G Walters); 3, Columbine (C Webster and A Harley). Overall: 1, Common Sense (R E Donald), 4.75; 2, Tonic, 6.75; equal 3, Larkspur and Periwinkle, 9.00.

YACHTING

470 crew is helped by capsize

From ROGER LEAN-VERCOE
IN MEDEMBLICK
THE NETHERLANDS

AMONG the 16-boat British team at the Spa world championships here yesterday, the leading 470 crew, Nigel Buckley and Pete Newlands, have kept themselves in contention for the championship with a third place, whilst in the Soling fleet, Glyn Charles, sailing with Robert Cruickshank and Tim Hancock, finished a creditable ninth.

The 470 fleet was led at the first mark by Peter Evans and Hamish Willcox, of New Zealand, with Buckley and Newlands in ninth place. The British pair climbed to fourth after a brilliant pair of reaches, and gained a final third place on the run as Evans and Willcox capsized, allowing the second-placed Finnish team of Samsa Korhonen and Jyrki Jarvi to take the gun with a clear lead.

Buckley and Newlands put in a strong attack on the German crew of Wolfgang Hunger and Rolf Schmidt on the last beat, finishing just a few yards behind them.

After first race domination of the Soling fleet by the United States crews, it was the turn of the East Germans yesterday. Jochen Schuemann, the gold medal-winner at Pusan, took the lead from his fellow countryman, Bjoern Oestereich.

RESULTS (subject to protest): 470: Men. Second race: 1, S Korhonen and J Jarvi (Fin); 2, W Hunger and R Schmidt (WG); 3, N Buckley and P Newlands (GB); 4, Tynu Tyniste and Toomas Tyniste (USSR); 5, P Evans and H Willcox (NZ); 6, W Schutte and D Schutte (Neth). Other British: 28, S Irish and P Barlow; 55, B Taylor and H Calder. Women: Second race: 1, I Bohn and S Rohatzsch (EG); 2, P Hardwiger and C Pinnow (EG); 3, J Isler and P Healy (US); 4, S Meyer and K Adlkofer (WG); 5, L Moskalenko and E Pahoitsik (USSR); 6, K Danielsen and B Kristiansen (Nor).
Soling: Second race: 1, J Schümann, T Flach and B Jäkel (EG); 2, B Oestereich, L Scheel and S Voigt (EG); 3, M Henriksen, P Andersen and J Andersen (Den); 4, K Mahaney, J Brady and D Kern (US); 5, S Pichugin, G Straikh and A Nikandrov (USSR); 6, M Luschen, G Stadler and F Feliner (Austria). British: G Charles, R Cruickshank and T Hancock; 25, D Tabb, M Borrett and W Watson; 37, R Bowman, M Ingram and M Covell

Derbyshire docked 25 points

By Ivo Tennant

DERBYSHIRE became yesterday the first county this season to have 25 points deducted for poor pitch preparation. A five-man panel led by Donald Carr, the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board's pitches committee, and a former Derbyshire captain, came to a unanimous decision that the pitch used for their championship match against Middlesex at Derby was "clearly unfit for first-class cricket".

The TCCB panel, comprising Carr, Tim Lamb, the cricket secretary, Doug Lucas, who is on the pitches committee, Alan Smith, chief executive, and Ossie Wheatley, chairman of the cricket committee, stressed that "there was no question of deliberate intent or malpractice on the part of Derbyshire".

This was evident in Derbyshire's decision not to include their fast bowlers, Bishop and Malcolm. The pitch, which was reported by the umpires on Sunday, was wet, uneven of bounce and all in all contravened the TCCB's regulations on preparation.

Derbyshire had no quarrel with the decision, realising on the first day of the match, Saturday, that the pitch was not a good one. "But we did everything to prepare it to TCCB specifications," Bob Lark, their chief executive, said. "A downpour last week caused part of the problem. The pitch was then affected when it dried out. We respect the umpires' decision and have to accept it."

Lark said that the groundsman, Steve Birks, might have to leave a little more grass on the pitch they are to use for their next championship match, starting against Essex tomorrow. Ironically, they were criticised by the TCCB (but not reported by the umpires as adversely as they were for this match) for producing a green pitch against Nottinghamshire in May.

"We made the point to the panel that the problem was caused through taking off the grass, which would have bound the surface together," Lark said.

"Steve Birks will be the ultimate decision-maker, but it might be that we have to leave more grass on for the remainder of our matches." He added that Derbyshire will soon be digging up pitches and relaying them.

Derbyshire are the third county to have had 25 points docked, Essex and Nottinghamshire having been given the ultimate penalty last season. Essex were penalised for the pitch at Southend, which was reported by the umpires for two successive matches. The deduction of points ultimately cost them the championship, as they finished the season six points behind Worcestershire.

The TCCB's regulations state that pitches "should start completely dry and there should ideally be no evidence of greenness and no obvious mat of grass".

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Middlesex collapse sees lead cut

By Ivo Tennant

DERBY (final day of three): Derbyshire (22pts) beat Middlesex (6) by 171 runs

MIDDLESEX were beaten yesterday for the first time in the championship this season, succumbing as much through their own fallibilities as those of the notorious pitch. Dismissed for 99, their lead of the table has been cut to two points. They have not won any of their last six matches.

This was their lowest score of the season. That they never remotely looked like making 271 to win seems in part because they were harbouring a grievance about the conditions. Certainly, three batsmen – Gatting, Downton and Emburey – were out to nigh unplayable balls, but the remainder batted as if expecting to receive one or more every over.

That, perhaps, was the worst aspect about having to cope with such a pitch and, doubtless, was a factor in Derbyshire finishing not with 25 points for their first championship victory of the season at Derby but with minus three. It effectively dashes their chances of winning the title.

In fairness to them, it should be added that they were batting without undue difficulty when they declared at 230 for six soon after lunch. Roberts and Miller put on 87 for the seventh wicket and Emburey, who had taken five cheap wickets in Derbyshire's first innings, now took his four at a cost of 71. Neither was Fraser especially effectual.

Middlesex were left with 54 overs in which to make their runs. They were, at the very least, expected to make a game of it. Yet their first three batsmen went rather tamely and, from 22 for three, there was no comeback.

Roseberry was late on one from Base that kept low but which he might have countered had he been on the front foot. Haynes was taken at short leg off an inside edge and Ramprakash, having struck Base for six over square leg, was bowled in his next over aiming a crooked drive.

With the conditions in his favour, Base was now beginning to look like the bowler who stirred Ted Dexter's interest last season. His next wicket was the crucial one – that of Gatting, who looked barely fit to bat at all after the blows he had taken the previous day. Strangely, though, he eschewed a runner as if intent only on survival.

So what would have been three runs to another batsman became only two to him, and a further drive which beat the in-field resulted in only a hobbled single. Base almost had him caught at second slip before a brute of a ball, which reared from short of a length, resulted in short leg taking a catch off a glove.

That could decidely be attributed to the pitch. So, too, could Downton's dismissal to another one from Base, which jumped and had him caught at silly point. Brown went to a further catch at short leg by Kuiper, this from another tentative prod. Base now had five wickets for 17, and finished with five for 28.

When Miller came on – and had Williams picked up at leg slip, the spin not fully scotched – Middlesex were 41 for seven. Such ignominy had not befallen them since they were dismissed for 43 by Lancashire at Lord's last year. They did at least exceed that, mainly through some stout blows by Fraser. He made 26 before missing a swing at Miller.

Emburey had been taken at second slip off one from Jean-Jacques which popped and took the edge. By the time Tuffnell was leg-before attempting an extraordinarily ambitious reverse sweep, the pitches delegation was in deep conference. They had seen enough and, when the smoke began to rise, Middlesex were making the hastiest of exits. Gatting's scowl said it all.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 249 (J E Morris 67, T J G O'Gorman 55; J E Emburey 5 for 32).

Second Innings
*K J Barnett c Gatting b Emburey 7
P D Bowler c Gatting b Emburey 58
J E Morris c Roseberry b Tufnell 12
T J G O'Gorman c Brown b Fraser 20
A P Kuiper c Downton b Emburey 30
B Roberts not out 48
†K M Krikken c Roseberry b Emburey 0
G Miller not out 32
Extras (lb 16, nb 9) 25
Total (6 wkts dec) 230

M Jean-Jacques, S J Base and O H Mortensen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-70, 3-91, 4-131, 5-137, 6-143.

BOWLING: Fraser 19-5-48-1; Williams 10-1-39-0; Emburey 35-8-71-4; Cowans 4-0-14-0; Tufnell 16-3-29-1; Ramprakash 2-0-15-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 209 (M W Gatting 119 not out; Mortensen 4 for 29).

Second Innings
D L Haynes c Kuiper b Mortensen 8
M A Roseberry b Base 2
M R Ramprakash lbw b Base 8
K R Brown c Kuiper b Base 12
*M W Gatting c Kuiper b Base 4
†P R Downton c Barnett b Base 3
J E Emburey c Bowler b Jean Jacques 12
N F Williams c Bowler b Miller 3
A R C Fraser st Krikken b Miller 26
P C R Tufnell lbw b Miller 5
N G Cowans not out 5
Extras (b 8, lb 2, nb 1) 11
Total 99

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-18, 3-22, 4-28, 5-37, 6-38, 7-41, 8-88, 9-94.

BOWLING: Mortensen 10-4-21-1; Base 14-3-28-5; Miller 9.5-3-21-3; Jean-Jacques 5-0-19-1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and P B Wight.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (3)	18	7	1	10	57	42	211
Essex (2)	17	7	1	9	56	41	209
Warwicks (8)	18	6	6	6	43	54	193
Hampshire (7)	18	6	3	9	59	37	192
Lancashire (4)	19	5	3	11	58	49	187
Leics (13)	18	5	5	8	51	41	172
Glamorgan (17)	18	5	3	10	53	34	167
Derbyshire (6)	18	6	5	7	51	42	164
Worcs (1)	17	4	1	12	51	42	157
Notts (11)	18	4	5	9	40	51	155
Surrey (12)	17	3	3	11	44	51	151
Yorkshire (16)	19	3	8	8	43	48	139
Kent (15)	18	3	5	10	58	29	133
Somerset (14)	19	2	3	14	63	37	132
Northants (5)	18	2	8	8	48	50	130
Gloucs (9)	18	2	6	10	37	46	115
Sussex (10)	18	2	6	10	44	34	110

Derbyshire deducted 25pts for substandard pitch. Surrey total includes 8pts in drawn match with scores level

1989 positions in brackets

CLAIRE MACKINTOSH

Glancing blow: Miller, of Derbyshire, guides the ball to leg in the victory over Middlesex at Derby yesterday

Moody's appetite remains

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON (final day of three): Leicestershire (22pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by six wickets

TOM Moody's seventh century in eight first-class games for Warwickshire was another masterpiece from a man who barely knows where his next game is coming from on either side of the world, but it failed to conjure the result needed to nourish his club's lingering title hopes.

Moody, still unsure whether he or Allan Donald will be the casualty of the import restrictions next year, and uncertain of being anything more than an Ashes reserve this winter, sustained Warwickshire in an apparently lost cause. They were finally able to set Leicestershire to score 162 in 44 overs and, not without alarms, they made it with 16 balls to spare.

Moody has made runs in all situations this summer and his phenomenal record could have been improved only at Coventry last month, when he could do no better than make 96. His first-class aggregate is now 1,136 and he has scored at five runs an over.

Like Hick, the player he could yet join at Worcester next season if Warwickshire reluctantly release him, Moody confines himself to a small menu of strokes but plays them voraciously. Anything short is fiercely square cut and he loves to drive straight.

Probably the most interested observer yesterday was, ironically, the Leicestershire manager, Bob Simpson would not have been entirely delighted by it, of course, but his consolation will come when he resumes his day job as the Australian coach.

The omens were not good for the Moody sequence when he arrived in the day's third over. Lloyd had just been dismissed by the type of lateral movement evident throughout the game which, at this point, boasted a top score of 46. Warwickshire were not an attractive bet to survive much beyond lunch.

Moody needed his share of luck early on, as Agnew persistently beat the bat. When the fourth wicket fell, the deficit was still 17, but the Australian found his partner in Reeve, a vibrantly enthusiastic cricketer.

Agnew's figures were scarred as 26 came from two overs and Moody then straight-drove Parsons for six. His 50 took 80 balls and, with Reeve unobtrusive in support, he moved on to 100 in another 55.

When at last he fell to the deserving Agnew, the innings went into swift decline, further measure of his achievement. Agnew finished with five wickets and the last three went to Lewis, his best return since the first game of the summer.

An unedifying aspect was that Leicestershire bowled only 58 overs in four hours, and Warwickshire matched them when they took the field. In consequence, the last 20 overs were not started until 5.40pm. Ultimately, Leicestershire could no longer afford to dawdle. They required 100 off the last 20, 52 off the last 10. Reeve nibbled out two more wickets but Warwickshire were never quite in contention and the canny Willey and some clean hitting from Lewis settled it.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 154 (G J Parsons 4 for 21).

Second Innings
A J Moles c Willey b Lewis 30
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Parsons 14
T M Moody c Willey b Agnew 117
*T A Lloyd lbw b Agnew 4
P A Smith c Lewis b Agnew 2
D A Reeve c Boon b Agnew 31
Asif Din c Briers b Agnew 1
†K J Piper b Lewis 11
G C Small not out 10
P A Booth c Potter b Lewis 10
T A Munton b Lewis 0
Extras 19
Total 249

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-47, 3-60, 4-71, 5-208, 6-217, 7-222, 8-232, 9-249.

BOWLING: Agnew 21-4-75-5; Lewis 24.5-6-70-4; Parsons 16-3-53-1; Millns 11-2-9-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 242 (D A Reeve 4 for 42).

Second Innings
T J Boon c Lloyd b Munton 5
*N E Briers c sub b Reeve 55
J J Whitaker c Small b Munton 13
P Willey not out 51
L Potter lbw b Reeve 3
C C Lewis not out 25
Extras (lb 9, w 1) 10
Total (4 wkts) 162

J D R Benson, †P A Nixon, G J Parsons, J P Agnew and D J Millns did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-43, 3-107, 4-121.

BOWLING: Small 9-2-38-0; Munton 11-2-21-2; Reeve 14-1-51-2; Smith 2-0-11-0; Booth 5.2-0-34-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and K E Palmer.

Snooker wild men

Steve James, the Mercantile Credit Classic winner, and Darren Morgan, the Welsh champion, have been given wild cards into the 10-man Regal Masters snooker tournament at Motherwell from September 12 to 16. Should James win his first match, against Mike Hallett, he will play the deposed world champion, Steve Davis. Morgan, if he beats Dean Reynolds, will meet the world champion, Stephen Hendry.

Leicester bound

Leicester City have agreed to pay St Mirren £200,000 for Billy Davies, aged 26, a midfield player.

Unlucky Stobart

Loy Stobart, signed by Wolverhampton Wanderers from Nottingham Forest last season, will miss the first three months of the season at Molineux after breaking a leg in an exhibition at Chasetown, a non-League club.

Elliott proves he is Europe's 1,500 favourite

From David Powell, Athletics Correspondent, Rovereto

PETER Elliott confirmed yesterday that his problems of the last two months are behind him and that he is ready to add the European 1,500 metres title to the Commonwealth championship which he won in February. In only his fourth race over the distance this summer, he ran a time here which has been bettered by only two men all season, neither of them European.

Elliott recorded 3 minutes 34.12 seconds, a significant improvement on his first competition for a month last Friday, the Emsley Carr Mile at Gateshead, which he won in 3:55.51. On that occasion he exercised caution, keeping among the back markers for the first half of the race. Yesterday was more like the old Elliott, up at the business end and powering his way to the finish.

The confidence that goes with winning has returned and this was his 21st victory in 22 track races this year. His only defeat was in the Dream Mile in Oslo five weeks ago. "This was another win under my belt and another confidence booster," said Elliott, who less than a week ago had considered withdrawing from the European championships. "I reckon I'm in 3:32 to 3:33 shape."

As Elliott followed the pacemaker, Tim Washington, the Kenyan, Yobes Ondieki, who has regained his form in the last fortnight, followed Elliott. But when the Rotherham Harrier was left in front with over half a lap to go, it was the test he needed, and he came through it with flying colours. Ondieki chased him down the finishing strait, but Elliott held his form and the Kenyan was a step behind in 3:34.36. "He's got no problems, has he?" Neil Horsfield, who along with Steve Cram will partner Elliott at 1,500 metres in Split, said.

Particularly pleasing for Elliott, aged 27, was that he could perform so well after a week in which he had trained hard and raced well; he had no chance to ease down while trying to catch up on work lost, when he suffered a knee injury and a virus in mid-July. It was another three weeks before he was back in full training.

Washington did a good job. Elliott's coach, Kim McDonald, had requested split times of 56.0sec (400 metres), 1:53secs (800 metres) and 2:51sec (1,200 metres) and Elliott was towed round in 55.65, 1:53.49 and 2:52.38. "Peter was still tired from the combination of racing and training and the travel he had to get here which was not the best prepartion for the race," McDonald said. "Flight delays on Monday had meant that Elliott was not in bed until the early hours of yesterday morning." McDonald added: "I would have been happy with anything under 3:36, so 3:34 is very satisfying."

Horsfield, too, was happy with his performance in the 800 metres. Although he was sixth, his time of 1min 46.48sec was his second fastest and put him back in good spirits after finishing tenth in the Zurich Grand Prix 1,500 metres last Wednesday. On that occasion, he had been impeded in a tripping incident at a point when he felt he was in a position to improve his personal best of 3:35.08. "I would be happier if I'd had 3:34 under my belt from Zurich, but this has made me feel better."

William Tanui, of Kenya, regained the winning habit which he demonstrated in Brussels and Monaco, after defeats in Zurich and by Tom McKean at Gateshead, finishing in 1min 45.18sec. His compatriot, Robert Kibet, was second in 1:46.16.

Another of Britain's European championships-bound athletes completed his race preparations in encouraging style, by winning the 5,000 metres. Richard Nerurkar, the English cross-country champion, drew away from a group of Kenyans in the closing stages to win in 13min 33.64sec.

RESULTS: 100m: 1, A Cason (US), 10.42sec; 2, D Mitchell (US), 10.51; 3, J Gikono (Ken), 10.69. 200m: 1, R Da Silva (Bra), 20.37; 2, J Gikono (Ken), 20.92; 3, T Jefferson (US), 20.96. 400m: 1, A Valmon (US), 44.67sec; 2, S Kaur (Ken), 44.91; 3, R Burnet (Jam), 45.27. 1500m: 1, P Elliott (GB), 3min 34.12sec; 2, Y Ondieki (Ken), 3:34.36; 3, D Kibet (Ken), 3:34.96. 110m hurdles: 1, R Kingdom (US), 13.27sec; 2, R Nehemiah (US), 13.29; 3, T Dees (US), 13.44. Long jump: 1, L Starks (US), 7.92m; 2, G Lino (US), 7.76; 3, G Bertozzi (It), 7.69. Women: 100m: 1, M Finn (US), 11.46sec; 2, E Jones (US), 11.47; 3, R Utah (Nigeria), 11.66. 400m: 1, M Figueredo (Bra), 50.62sec; 2, C Crooks (Can), 50.70; 3, L Leatherwood (US), 52.83. 800m: 1, M Rainey (US), 2min 00.64sec; 2, D Floyd (US), 2:01.36; 3, S Nakingi (Uganda), 2:01.71. High jump: 1, Y Henry (US), 1.94m; 2, S Petrovic (Yug), 1.91; 3, N Golodnova (USSR), 1.88.

Ritchie faces legal fight for her job

By John Goodbody

MEG Ritchie, the former British international discus thrower, yesterday began her legal fight to stay in the United States as strength coach to the University of Arizona.

Ritchie is the only women to hold such a position at a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) division one school and runs the strength programmes for the university's male and female competitors in all sports.

Ritchie, aged 38, who was a discus finalist for Britain at the 1980 and 1984 Olympic Games, has been working for nearly six years under a specialist visa.

For the last five years, the US labour department has refused to give her the documentation that would allow her to apply for permenent residency. Her specialist visa lasts for a maximum of six years and unless she gets a favourable decision in the Federal Court she will have to leave the country.

The US Government is arguing that Ritchie, from Kircaldy, Scotland, was hired without documenting that she possessed "an appreciation and understanding of the needs and requirements of all intercollegiate sports".

However, the university is eager to retain Ritchie and said she was hired fairly from a field of 33 applicants. Zada Edgat-Soto, who is representing both her interests and those of the university, said that the labour authority was "arbitrary and capricious".

Fiji to tour US

Suva (AFP) – The Fiji rugby union side will warm up for the 1991 World Cup by touring the United States and Canada for the first time in December. They have also been invited to play in the centenary tournament of the Toulouse State Rugby Union from December 7 to 23.

Robson sidelined for month

By Ian Ross

BRYAN Robson, the captain of Manchester United and England, will miss the opening month of the season after undergoing a second operation on the damaged Achilles tendon that forced him to withdraw from the World Cup finals in Italy.

Robson, aged 33, was admitted to a London clinic yesterday lunchtime and he later underwent what was described as "cleaning up" surgery on his troublesome left ankle. His first operation was at the same clinic six weeks ago.

This latest setback means that Robson will miss his club's opening seven League fixtures, the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup first round tie against Pecsi Munkas, of Hungary, at Old Trafford on September 19 and England's exhibition against Hungary, at Wembley, on September 12.

Ironically, Graham Taylor, who will take charge of the national side for the first time against Hungary, had said on Monday that Robson would be included in his squad for that game, regardless of whether he was fit or not.

The decision to operate on Robson, who was scheduled to play in a friendly game against Chester City, of the third division, last night, was taken during the weekend, after he suffered some reaction after a routine training session.

The tendon sheath around Robson's Achilles became inflamed and a specialist recommended immediate corrective surgery. "It is obviously very disappointing for both the player himself and for this club, but at least this should see him completely cured," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said.

● Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, said he was looking forward to working with some of England's best young players after being placed in charge of the Under-21 side on Monday by the England manager, Graham Taylor, for their game against their Hungarian counterparts at Southampton on September 11.

"We proved in the World Cup that our much maligned players were not as bad as people thought them to be. It will be good to work with the next generation," he said. "I'm delighted and very honoured to have been picked. Initially it is just for one match. Graham wants to look at several people doing the job.

"It will be nice to be back in the international set-up. The last time I was involved was as a player back in 1977," he said. "Graham has an overall idea of what he wants. It is important that we have continuity. We will be working on the same sort of thing he wants for the first team."

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Shelford provides a cause for concern

By John Goodbody

WAYNE Shelford, the former New Zealand rugby union captain, will play for Northampton next season. The move could concern the Rugby Football Union, particularly when it learns of promotional plans for the player whose personal company will be paid for articles and interviews on the game.

Shelford, aged 32, who captained the All Blacks in their 21-match unbeaten run from 1988 until the recent three-match series against Australia, has been lined up to work for a group of regional newspapers in promotional and journalistic work during his stay at Northampton.

Roger Horwood, the secretary of Northampton, who have been promoted to the first division of the Courage League, said yesterday: "Wayne will definitely be coming to us. If he is selected for the All Blacks tour of France, then he will be joining us at the end of October or beginning of November.

"He will coach youngsters and play for the club, although he will not be eligible for the Courage League until the New Year."

Horwood said he had not been involved in the detailed negotiations with Shelford. He added: "However, from what I understand, he will be working with four or five companies in Northampton, promoting the needs of Wayne Shelford Ltd."

Like several leading All Blacks, Shelford has set up a company whose sole activity is to promote himself. He takes a salary from what he regards as his *bona fide* job. When Shelford came to the British Isles last season as captain of New Zealand, he was to have made several promotional appearances. However, representatives of the home Rugby Unions stopped him under the agreement that players could not be paid for contracts while on tour.

Shelford: payment plans

New Zealand and Australia have a much looser interpretation of the amateur regulations than the British Isles, and the International Rugby Board is continuing to examine the dilemma in which the sport is placed.

Asked whether Shelford would be writing for newspapers, Horwood replied: "He may well be. He will do what he can. He will be open to all sorts of offers."

Horwood said he saw no reason why the Rugby Football Union should be unhappy with the situation. "There have been no comebacks for us. It is all above board."

However, in May, when there were suggestions that Shelford would play for Northampton, Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said: "The RFU is determined its league competition will not be unduly influenced by the introduction of overseas players." The RFU will now have to consider the question of Shelford's promotional work in England, while playing for an English club.

Shelford, who will be staying in Northampton with his wife and family, believes rugby union players must be rewarded in some form: he sees no harm in players being paid for writing newspaper columns and books, for speaking engagements, and for endorsing products.

He told *The Times* last October during the tour of Wales: "After all, the unions can bring in big companies to sponsor a tour such as ours. That is really professionalism in itself, because it is taking cash capital out of that company. That is official professionalism.

"If the authorities make the game fully professional, it will go downhill. But simply loosening the amateur regulations would make it stronger because many of the players going to rugby league in Britain and Australia would remain in rugby union."

Shelford had a knee injury and was not selected for any of New Zealand's three Tests against Australia. He was replaced as captain by Gary Whetton. However, the defeat of New Zealand in the final Test last Saturday meant that Shelford could be recalled to tour France later this year.